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GOD

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SMALL GROUP

1. WHAT DOES THE WORLD SAY ABOUT GOD?

2. WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED OR HEARD ABOUT GOD?

3. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT GOD? READ GENESIS 1:1, JOHN 3:16-18, ISAIAH 41:13, HEBREWS 3:4, AND 1 JOHN 4:16

4. DO YOU BELIEVE GOD CREATED ALL THINGS? WHY OR WHY NOT?

5. DO YOU BELIEVE GOD LOVES YOU? WHY OR WHY NOT?

6. DO YOU HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD? WHY OR WHY NOT?

DAY 1

GOD IS INFINITE – HE IS SELF-EXISTING, WITHOUT ORIGIN

READ: COLOSSIANS 1:16-17

GOD HAS NO BEGINNING AND NO END. HE IS THE ONE WHO CREATED ALL THINGS AND IS THE ORIGIN OF ALL THINGS. HE IS THE BEGINNING AND THE END, THE ONE WHO WAS BEFORE ALL CREATION. THESE ARE ALL TRUTHS ABOUT GOD THAT SHOW US SOME OF THE GREATEST THINGS ABOUT HIM.

1. WHAT DOES “GOD IS INFINITE” MEAN IN YOUR OWN WORDS?

2. DO YOU BELIEVE GOD IS BEFORE ALL THINGS AND WILL ALWAYS BE? WHY OR WHY NOT?

3. HOW CAN THIS GIVE YOU CONFIDENCE AS A BELIEVER?

4. PRAY THANKING GOD FOR HIS CREATION OF EVERYTHING AND YOU.

DAY 2

GOD IS IMMUTABLE – HE NEVER CHANGES

READ: MALACHI 3:6, HEBREWS 13:8

EVERYONE CHANGES OVER THE COURSE OF LIFE, ONE WOULD HOPE AT LEAST. IT IS SAFE TO SAY YOU WILL NOT BE THE SAME PERSON TODAY THAT YOU WILL BE IN 5 YEARS, 1 YEAR, OR EVEN A MONTH FROM NOW. YOU WILL HAVE NEW EXPERIENCES THAT WILL CAUSE YOU TO CHANGE, AND GOD WILL MOLD YOU TO BE WHO HE DESIRES YOU TO BE. HOWEVER, GOD NEVER CHANGES. IF YOU EVER GET THE CHANCE TO READ THE WHOLE BIBLE, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THAT. HIS LOVE NEVER ENDS, HIS FORGIVENESS IS ALWAYS THERE, AND HE NEVER FORSAKES HIS PEOPLE.

1. WHAT ABOUT GOD IS NEVER CHANGING?

2. HOW DO YOU KNOW GOD IS NEVER CHANGING? WHAT VERSES OR STORIES TELL YOU THAT?

3. HOW DOES THIS TRUTH GIVE CONFIDENCE TO THE BELIEVER THAT GOD WILL NEVER CHANGE?

4. PRAY THANKING GOD THAT HE NEVER CHANGES AND THAT HIS LOVE IS FOREVER.

DAY 3

GOD IS SELF-SUFFICIENT – HE HAS NO NEEDS

READ: JOHN 5:26

WE ALL ARE IN NEED. WE NEED AIR, FOOD, WATER, SLEEP, SHELTER, AND MORE THINGS IN ORDER TO SIMPLY SURVIVE. GOD IS IN NO WAY ANYTHING LIKE THIS. HE DOES NOT NEED ANYTHING FROM ANYONE, BUT HAS ALL HE NEEDS IN HIMSELF. GOD IS NOT LACKING IN ANY WAY, AND HE DOES NOT NEED US TO DO ANYTHING. INSTEAD, HE GIVES US WHAT WE NEED, AND WE RECEIVE FROM HIM WHAT IS NECESSARY FOR LIFE.

1. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT GOD HAS NO NEEDS?

2. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT GOD DOES NOT HAVE ANY NEEDS?

3. CAN YOU DEPEND ON GOD TO PROVIDE FOR YOUR NEEDS?

4. PRAY THANKING GOD AND ASKING HIM TO BE ALL THAT YOU NEED.

DAY 4

GOD IS OMNIPOTENT – HE IS ALL POWERFUL

READ: PSALM 33:6

GOD IS ALL POWERFUL MEANS HE HAS THE POWER TO DO ANYTHING. HE HAS THE POWER TO SPEAK THE UNIVERSE INTO EXISTENCE FROM NOTHING, THE POWER TO HEAL, AND THE POWER TO BRING THE DEAD BACK TO LIFE TO NAME A FEW THINGS. GOD IS CAPABLE OF ANYTHING AND ACCOMPLISHING ANYTHING.

1. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT GOD IS ALL POWERFUL IN YOUR OWN WORDS?

2. HOW HAS GOD SHOWN HIS POWER IN YOUR LIFE OR IN SCRIPTURE?

3. DO YOU BELIEVE GOD HAS THE POWER TO SAVE YOU? WHY OR WHY NOT?

4. PRAY THANKING GOD FOR HIS GREAT POWER TO DO GREAT THINGS.

DAY 5

GOD IS OMNISCIENT – HE IS ALL-KNOWING

READ: ISAIAH 46:9-10

GOD KNOWS ALL THINGS! HE KNOWS ALL THINGS THAT HAPPEN IN THE UNIVERSE AT ALL TIMES OF THE DAY, AND HE KNOWS YOUR EVERY THOUGHT. THOUGH THIS MAY SOUND A BIT SCARY, THIS IS ACTUALLY A TRUTH FOR US RESTING IN WHO GOD IS. GOD BEING ALL-KNOWING MEANS THAT HE UNDERSTANDS US BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE EVER COULD. HE KNOWS THE HAIRS ON YOUR HEAD; HE EVEN KNEW YOU BEFORE YOU WERE EVEN BORN!

1. IN YOUR OWN WORDS, WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT GOD IS ALL-KNOWING?

2. WHAT ARE YOUR IMPRESSIONS FROM LEARNING GOD IS ALL-KNOWING?

3. HOW CAN THIS BRING YOU PEACE ABOUT YOUR LIFE?

4. PRAY THANKING GOD THAT HE KNOWS YOUR THOUGHTS AND UNDERSTANDS YOU

DAY 6

GOD IS OMNIPRESENT – HE IS ALWAYS EVERYWHERE

READ: PSALM 139:7-10

GOD IS PRESENT IN EVERY PLACE AND IS NOT LIMITED BY ANYTHING. HE IS ABLE TO EXIST ANYWHERE AND ACT AS NECESSARY IN EVERY SPACE. HE CAN NEVER BE OUTFRAN, BUT HE IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.

1. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT GOD IS OMNIPRESENT?

2. IF GOD IS PRESENT EVERYWHERE, DOES THIS BRING COMFORT TO YOU? WHY OR WHY NOT?

3. WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED ABOUT GOD IN YOUR STUDIES THIS WEEK?

4. PRAY THANKING GOD FOR HIS OMNIPRESENCE, THAT HE IS WITH YOU NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO.

REFLECTION

1. WHAT WAS TAUGHT THIS WEEK?

2. WHAT SIN WAS EXPOSED TO REPROOF?

3. HOW CAN I BE CORRECTED TO LIVE A GODLY LIFE?

4. WHAT TRAINING DO I NEED TO APPLY TO LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY?

5. PRAYER:

THE BIBLE

MEMORY VERSE

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

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SMALL GROUP

1. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ITSELF? [READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 AND HEBREWS 4:12]

2. WHAT HAVE PEOPLE TOLD YOU ABOUT WHAT THE BIBLE IS?

3. WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ABOUT THE BIBLE?

4. IS THE BIBLE TRUSTWORTHY? WHY OR WHY NOT?

5. WHY DO YOU TRUST/MISTRUST GOD'S WORD?

DAY 1

THE BIBLE – COMES FROM GOD

READ: 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

THE BIBLE IS UNLIKE ANY OTHER TEXT IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD. IT HAS BEEN PRESERVED FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS. THEY ARE ALSO THE WORDS THAT COME FROM THE VERY MOUTH OF GOD, THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS. ALL OF SCRIPTURE WAS WRITTEN FOR A PURPOSE, TO POINT YOU TO JESUS. IT ALSO SERVES A PURPOSE IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER TO DO AS IT SAYS IN 2 TIMOTHY.

1. WHAT DO THESE VERSES TELL YOU THE BIBLE IS FOR?

2. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT THE BIBLE IS “BREATHED OUT BY GOD”?

3. SHOULD READING THE BIBLE HELP YOU IN YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE?

4. PRAY THANKING GOD FOR GIVING US HIS WORD THAT ALLOWS US TO BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND. PRAY THAT AS YOU CONTINUE TO READ HIS WORD, THAT YOU WOULD LOVE IT AND THAT IT WOULD GUIDE YOU IN YOUR LIFE TO BE LIKE JESUS.

DAY 2

THE BIBLE – USE IT FOR MEDITATION

READ: PSALM 1

NOT LIKE IN A WAY THAT YOU MEDITATE FOR YOGA, BUT THE BIBLE IS TO BE MEDITATED ON. MEANING IT SHOULD BE THOUGHT ABOUT DEEPLY AND EVEN READ SLOWLY OR MORE THAN ONCE IF NEED BE. IT SHOULDN'T ALWAYS BE READ THROUGH FOR THE SAKE OF READING THROUGH BUT BE READ DEEPLY SO YOU CAN UNDERSTAND AND ALLOW THE WORDS TO TRANSFORM YOUR HEART. THIS IS ONE OF THE MANY WAYS YOU CAN INTERACT WITH THE WORD.

1. WHAT WAYS CAN YOU BEGIN TO MEDITATE ON THE WORD OF GOD?

2. READ HEBREWS 1:3 AND MEDITATE ON THIS VERSE.

3. WHAT DID YOU THINK ABOUT?

4. PRAY ASKING THE LORD TO HELP YOU TO GROW IN LOVE FOR HIS WORD; THAT MEDITATING ON HIS WORD WILL HELP YOU GROW CLOSER TO HIM.

DAY 3

THE BIBLE – IT IS ALIVE

READ: HEBREWS 4:12-14

GOD’S WORD IS ALIVE! MEANING THAT IT WORKS IN THE LIFE OF EACH PERSON AND IS ABLE TO EFFECT YOUR LIFE IN AMAZING WAYS. IT BRINGS CONVICTION, JOY, PEACE TO THE READER. IT ALSO PENETRATES THE HEART AND IS ABLE TO JUDGE THE THOUGHTS AND ATTITUDES OF IT. THE BIBLE NOT ONLY COMES FROM GOD BUT IS ABLE TO BE USED FOR EVERYDAY LIFE, TO HELP YOU GROW CLOSER TO JESUS.

1. HAVE YOU READ MUCH OF THE BIBLE?

2. IN WHAT WAYS HAS THE BIBLE WORKED IN YOUR LIFE?

3. HOW DOES THE IDEA THAT THE BIBLE IS “ALIVE” MAKE YOU THINK ABOUT IT?

4. PRAY TO GOD, ASKING TO USE HIS WORD TO GROW CLOSER TO HIM. THAT IT WOULD BE USED FOR WHAT YOU NEED IN LIFE TODAY.

DAY 4

THE BIBLE – IT IS DAILY BREAD

READ: DEUTERONOMY 8:2-3

GOD’S PEOPLE, THE ISRAELITES, WANDERED THE WILDERNESS FOR 40 YEARS. ONE OF THE GREAT THEMES TO COME OUT OF THIS TIME IS RELIANCE ON THE LORD. THE LORD HELPED THEM ESCAPE SLAVERY. WHILE IN THE WILDERNESS, THE ISRAELITES WERE GIVEN FOOD, MANA, THAT LASTED ONLY FOR A DAY SO PEOPLE COULD RELY ON GOD FOR FOOD. HE GAVE THEM A PILLAR OF CLOUDS AND FIRE TO GUIDE THEM. MORE THAN ANYTHING, HE GAVE THEM HIS WORD THAT THEY WOULD RELY ON THE PROMISES HE HAD GIVEN THEM.

1. WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU CAN’T LIVE WITHOUT EVERYDAY?

2. WHY SHOULD WE READ THE BIBLE EVERYDAY?

3. DO YOU READ THE BIBLE EVERYDAY? IF YOU DON’T ALREADY READ THE BIBLE EVERYDAY, MAKE A PLAN TO DO SO. YOU CAN EITHER READ THESE DEVOTIONALS OR READ A BOOK IN BIBLE, A GOOD RECOMMENDATION IS PROVERBS.

4. PRAY BY ASKING GOD TO HELP YOU RELY ON HIM AND HIS WORD EVERYDAY; THAT YOU WOULD NEED IT AND BE ABLE TO TRUST IN THE PROMISES HE HAS GIVEN.

DAY 5

THE BIBLE – PROTECTS YOU FROM SIN

READ: PSALM 119:11

THE BIBLE BEING ALIVE HAS MANY FUNCTIONS, ONE OF THOSE IS THAT IT CAN BE USED TO KEEP YOU FROM SINNING. BY DOING THINGS LIKE READING/MEMORIZING VERSES, YOU ARE ABLE TO, IN MOMENTS OF WEAKNESS, REMEMBER WHAT GOD HAS SAID AND FIGHT, USING WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED, TO BEAT TEMPTATION. WE ARE ALL NOT ABLE TO FIGHT SIN ALONE, WE ARE TOO WEAK, BUT BY THE POWER THAT COMES FROM GOD AND HIS WORD, WE ARE ABLE TO HAVE A CHANCE.

1. WHAT KINDS OF SIN DO YOU STRUGGLE WITH IN YOUR LIFE?

2. HOW CAN THE BIBLE HELP YOU WHEN YOU ARE TEMPTED TO SIN?

3. SPEND SOME TIME MEMORIZING PSALM 119:11

4. PRAY THAT THE LORD WOULD USE HIS WORD TO KEEP YOU FROM SIN; THAT IT WOULD COME TO MIND WHEN YOU ARE ABOUT TO SIN AND THAT YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO FIGHT SIN WITH THE WORD OF GOD. MORE THAN ANYONE.

DAY 6

THE BIBLE – LEADS US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

READ: PSALM 109:105

WE ALL HAVE IDEAS OF THE KIND OF LIFE WE SHOULD BE LIVING. WE OFTEN THINK THAT LIVING A “GOOD” LIFE IS ENOUGH. THIS IS WRONG. AS BELIEVERS WE ARE CALLED TO LIVES OF SACRIFICE, LOVE, AND TRUTH. NOT LIVING IN ANY WAY THINKING THAT WE EVEN CAN LIVE THE PERFECT LIFE. OUR LIVES WILL ALWAYS BE RIDDLED WITH PROBLEMS AND SIN; THIS IS WHERE THE BIBLE COMES IN. ALONG WITH PRAYER AND DEPENDENCE ON GOD, THE BIBLE IS ALSO A VEHICLE THROUGH WHICH WE ARE LED ON THE RIGHT PATH.

1. IN WHAT AREAS OF YOUR LIFE CAN THE BIBLE BE HELPFUL TO YOU?

2. HOW CAN YOU SURRENDER THOSE THINGS IN YOUR LIFE TO GOD AND TRUST HIS WORD?

3. WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED THIS WEEK ABOUT THE BIBLE?

4. PRAY THAT YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE BIBLE BECOMES LOVE FOR GOD; THAT READING HIS WORD WILL HELP YOU DRAW CLOSER TO HIM.

REFLECTION

1. WHAT WAS TAUGHT THIS WEEK?

2. WHAT SIN WAS EXPOSED TO REPROOF?

3. HOW CAN I BE CORRECTED TO LIVE A GODLY LIFE?

4. WHAT TRAINING DO I NEED TO APPLY TO LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY?

5. PRAYER:

MAN

MEMORY VERSE

ROMANS 3:23-24

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SMALL GROUP

1. IS MANKIND GOOD?

2. CAN MANKIND EARN THEIR WAY TO HEAVEN?

3. WHAT IS EVERY PERSON IN NEED OF?

**4. HOW DOES KNOWING MANKIND IS FLAWED EFFECT OUR
RELATIONSHIPS WITH EACH OTHER?**

5. HOW ABOUT THOSE FAR FROM JESUS?

DAY 1

MANKIND IS BROKEN

READ: ROMANS 3:23-24

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT “THIS WORLD SEEMS SO FAR GONE?” FROM GROWING CHANGES IN THE WORLD AND LEADERS THAT SEEM TO BE LEADING COUNTRIES CLOSER AND CLOSER TO WAR, ONE MIGHT THINK SO. IT SEEMS LIKE AROUND EVERY CORNER PEOPLE HAVE SHOWN THEMSELVES TO BE IMPERFECT. THIS IS BECAUSE DEEP DOWN, NO MATTER HOW TOGETHER WE ALL MAY SEEM, HUMANITY IS BROKEN. BROKEN MEANING THAT WE HAVE NO HOPE. IN LIGHT OF THAT, THE ONLY ONE WHO HEALS US OF OUR BROKENNESS IS JESUS!

1. IN WHAT WAYS HAVE YOU FELT/SEEN THAT MAN IS BROKEN?

2. READ PSALM 51:17. WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE SAY ABOUT BROKENNESS AND WHAT THAT MEANS TO GOD?

3. DO YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE BROKEN? HOW?

4. PRAY FOR THE BROKENNESS IN THE WORLD THAT GOD WOULD HEAL IT IN OTHERS AND IN YOU; THAT YOU WOULD ALSO BE REMINDED OF GOD’S LOVE IN THE MIDST OF YOUR BROKENNESS.

DAY 2

MANKIND IS MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

READ: GENESIS 1:1-27

THE BIBLE SAID WE ARE MADE IN THE “IMAGE OF GOD” OR TO GET FANCY, THE IMAGO DEI. THAT MIGHT SOUND A BIT WEIRD, BUT IT DOES NOT MEAN WE ARE MADE TO LITERALLY BE LIKE GOD OR HAVE ANY SORT OF POWERS. JOHN PIPER SAYS THAT “GOD CREATED US IN HIS IMAGE SO THAT WE WOULD DISPLAY OR REFLECT OR COMMUNICATE WHO HE IS, HOW GREAT HE IS, AND WHAT HE IS LIKE.” IN THAT WE SIMPLY EXIST, WE SHOW TO ALL THE WORLD WHAT GOD IS LIKE, HOW GREAT HE IS, HOW VAST AND COMPLEX HIS CREATION AND MIND IS. TO BE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD MEANS WE ARE A SPECIAL PART OF HIS CREATION.

1. IN YOUR OWN WORDS, WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD?

2. WHAT IS SO SPECIAL ABOUT BEING MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD?

3. DOES THIS CHANGE THE WAY YOU SEE YOURSELF OR OTHERS?

4. PRAY IN THANKS FOR BEING CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD AND THAT YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THAT IN OTHERS.

DAY 3

MANKIND SUFFERS

READ: ROMANS 8:18, 1 PETER 5:9-11

THIS WORLD WASN'T ALWAYS MEANT TO BE THE WAY THAT IT IS. IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN, GOD WAS PRESENT WITH ADAM AND EVE, AND THERE WAS NO SICKNESS, DEATH, OR SIN. BUT IN SIN, ADAM AND EVE ATE FROM THE TREE THAT GOD TOLD THEM NOT TO AND BROUGHT SIN INTO THE WORLD THAT HAS PLAGUED EVERY HUMAN IN EXISTENCE. WITH THAT MISTAKE, BROUGHT SUFFERING UPON ALL PEOPLE IN THIS LIFE. WE ALL SUFFER IN DIFFERENT AMOUNTS AND WAYS; THIS IS PART OF BEING HUMAN. UNTIL JESUS RETURNS TO THIS EARTH WE ARE ALL CALLED TO ENDURE THIS SUFFERING.

1. DO YOU SUFFER? IN WHAT WAYS?

2. HOW DO OTHER PEOPLE SUFFER IN THIS WORLD?

3. HOW CAN YOU ENDURE THE SUFFERING IN THIS LIFE?

4. PRAY THAT GOD WOULD HELP YOU IN TIME OF SUFFERING AND THAT YOUR FAITH WOULD NOT SHAKE BUT REMAIN FIRM IN WHAT JESUS HAS PROMISED ALSO.

DAY 4

MANKIND IS AT WAR

READ: EPHESIANS 6:10-12, 1 PETER 5:8

HAVE YOU EVER HAD TO WRESTLE SOMEONE FOR SOMETHING? MAYBE YOU ARE ON AN ACTUAL WRESTLING TEAM, OR MAYBE YOU'VE WRESTLED YOUR SIBLING OVER WHO GETS THE REMOTE NEXT. WE ALL UNDERSTAND HOW INTENSE IT CAN BE. HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED THAT THERE ARE FORCES AT HAND THAT ARE FIGHTING FOR YOUR SOUL?

1. WHAT DO THE PASSAGES THAT YOU READ SAY ABOUT THE ENEMY YOU HAVE AND HOW TO FIGHT?
2. READ REVELATION 12:9. WHAT DOES THIS SAY ABOUT OUR ENEMY'S DESTINY?
3. HOW CAN YOU PREPARE YOURSELF TO FIGHT IN THE WAR YOU FACE TODAY?
4. PRAY THAT GOD WOULD HELP YOU IN THIS FIGHT AND THAT HE WOULD EMPOWER YOU WITH HIS WORD AND PROTECT YOU FROM SATAN AND HIS DEEDS.

DAY 5

MANKIND IS IMPERFECT

READ: ROMANS 5:8

MANKIND IS IMPERFECT. ALONG WITH HAVING SIN, WE KNOW THAT EVERY PERSON WE MEET IS ANYTHING BUT PERFECT. WE ALL HAVE GOTTEN ANGRY AT SOMEONE, LIED, OR DONE SOMETHING TO WRONG ANOTHER PERSON. WE ALL FALL SHORT OF BEING PERFECT. A GREAT THING TO KEEP IN MIND HOWEVER, IS THAT WHERE MAN IS LACKING, GOD IS NOT. GOD IS COMPLETE AND PERFECT IN ALL HIS WAYS. SUCH IS HIS LOVE ALSO. SO MUCH SO THAT THOUGH YOU ARE IMPERFECT, GOD DOES NOT LOVE YOU ANY LESS, NOR DOES HE LOVE YOU ANY MORE IF YOU WERE, BECAUSE HIS LOVE IS INFINITE.

1. ARE YOU PERFECT?

2. IN WHAT WAYS ARE YOU IMPERFECT? IN WHAT WAYS IS GOD PERFECT?

3. BASED ON THE READING FOR TODAY, WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT GOD'S LOVE IN RELATION TO OUR SIN? TAKE SOME TIME TO MEDITATE ON THAT TRUTH.

4. PRAY THANKING GOD THAT THOUGH WE ARE IMPERFECT, HIS LOVE COVERS ALL OUR IMPERFECTIONS. THANK HIM FOR HIS SON JESUS THAT LIVED A PERFECT LIFE THAT WE COULD NOT, IN ORDER FOR US TO BE FORGIVEN IN HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION.

DAY 6

MANKIND WILL BE RESTORED ONE DAY

READ: REVELATION 21:1-5

ALL OF US LONG FOR A WORLD THAT IS FREE FROM THE PROBLEMS WE FACE TODAY. THE AMAZING THING ABOUT THAT, IS THAT DAY IS COMING! JESUS PROMISES US THAT HE WILL RETURN AND MAKE THIS WORLD NEW AGAIN. MANKIND WILL BE RESTORED, AND WE WILL LIVE IN PERFECT COMMUNITY TOGETHER AND WITH GOD. WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY THAT WILL BE!

1. IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEW WORLD GOD WILL MAKE?

2. DOES THE IDEA THAT YOU WILL BE RESTORED EXCITE YOU?

3. WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE FROM THE DEVOTIONALS ON MAN?

4. PRAY GOD WILL HELP YOU TO BE PATIENT FOR HIM TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT HE HAS PROMISED TO DO.

REFLECTION

1. WHAT WAS TAUGHT THIS WEEK?

2. WHAT SIN WAS EXPOSED TO REPROOF?

3. HOW CAN I BE CORRECTED TO LIVE A GODLY LIFE?

4. WHAT TRAINING DO I NEED TO APPLY TO LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY?

5. PRAYER:

SALVATION

MEMORY VERSE

JOHN 3:16-17

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SMALL GROUP

1. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN SAVED FROM ANYTHING?

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SAVED?

3. ARE YOU SAVED?

4. IF YOU ARE NOT, WHAT REASONS/QUESTIONS ARE KEEPING YOU FROM BEING SO?

5. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PROMISES OF SALVATION?

6. IS RECEIVING THE GIFT OF SALVATION A GOOD THING? WHY?

DAY 1

SALVATION COMES FROM JESUS CHRIST

READ: JOHN 3:16-17

THERE IS NO GREATER DISPLAY OF LOVE IN THIS WORLD THAN IN THE GIVING OF JESUS'S LIFE FOR ALL OF HUMANITY. THE SIN OF THE WORLD, THE DEBT OF HUMANITY WAS PAID IN THE DEATH OF A SINGLE MAN, JESUS. IN HIM WE ARE ABLE TO NOT ONLY BE FREED FROM THE PAIN OF SIN, BUT ETERNITY WITHOUT HIM.

1. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT JESUS GAVE HIS LIFE FOR HUMANITY?

2. DID HE NEED TO DO THIS?

3. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THIS?

4. PRAY IN THANKFULNESS FOR JESUS WHO GAVE HIS LIFE FOR YOU FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS.

DAY 2

SALVATION REQUIRES CONFESSION

READ: 1 JOHN 1:8-9

PART OF SALVATION INCLUDES THE NECESSITY OF CONFESSING YOUR SINS TO GOD. SIN IS WHEN WE CHOOSE TO DO ANYTHING THAT GOES AGAINST THE COMMANDS OF GOD. AND AS THIS PASSAGE SAYS, IF WE THINK WE ARE NOT SINNERS, WE'RE LYING TO OURSELVES. BUT THANKS BE TO GOD, IF WE SIMPLY CONFESS THEM TO HIM WE ARE COUNTED AS RIGHTEOUS BECAUSE OF JESUS AS WE LEARNED YESTERDAY.

1. DO YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE A SINNER?

2. WHAT SINS DO YOU NEED TO CONFESS?

3. DO YOU BELIEVE JESUS HAS THE POWER TO FORGIVE YOU?

4. PRAY AND CONFESS YOUR SINS TO GOD.

DAY 3

SALVATION REQUIRES REPENTANCE

READ: ACTS 3:19-21, PROVERBS 28:13

ALONG WITH CONFESSION OF SIN, COMES REPENTANCE. THESE TWO ARE KIND OF A PACKAGE DEAL. WHEN YOU CONFESS YOUR SINS TO GOD, YOU DO SO BY REPENTING. YOU REALIZE THAT YOU DON'T HAVE IT ALL TOGETHER, AND INSTEAD OF RELYING ON YOURSELF, YOU CHOOSE TO TURN AWAY FROM YOUR SIN AND TURN TO GOD.

1. WHAT ARE SOME THINGS YOU NEED TO REPENT OF?

2. DO YOU THINK YOU WILL NEED TO REPENT AGAIN IN THE FUTURE?

3. REREAD THE PASSAGE FROM TODAY, AND REST IN THE TRUTH OF WHAT IT SAYS.

4. PRAY IN REPENTANCE FOR THE SIN IN YOUR LIFE, CHOOSING TO TURN AWAY FROM IT AND RELY ON JESUS FOR YOUR STRENGTH TO FIGHT YOUR SIN.

DAY 4

SALVATION GIFTS US ETERNAL LIFE WITH GOD

READ: JOHN 10:28-29, 1 JOHN 5:11-13

ONE OF THE GREATEST GIFTS OF SALVATION IS ACTUALLY BEING SAVED FROM SOMETHING. ONE OF THOSE THINGS WE ARE SAVED FROM UPON SALVATION IS HELL. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF SALVATION THERE IS NO REASON FOR US TO BE SENT THERE UPON OUR DEATH BECAUSE JESUS PAID THE PRICE FOR YOUR LIFE, IF YOU HAVE ACCEPTED HIM AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR. HEAVEN WILL BE GREAT!

1. WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HELL?

2. WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HEAVEN?

3. IS ETERNITY WITH GOD WORTH IT FOR YOU? WHY OR WHY NOT?

4. PRAY THANKING GOD FOR THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE WITH HIM GIVEN IN JESUS CHRIST. IF YOU HAVE NOT ACCEPTED CHRIST MAYBE TODAY IS THE DAY!

DAY 5

SALVATION COUNTS US AS RIGHTEOUS

READ: PHILIPPIANS 3:8-9

THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO TO BE COUNTED RIGHTEOUS BEFORE GOD. TO BE RIGHTEOUS MEANS TO BE RIGHT IN THE EYES OF GOD. THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY, THROUGH FAITH AND BELIEF IN JESUS AND THE WORK HE DID ON THE CROSS. THROUGH JESUS WE CAN BE RIGHTEOUS, BECAUSE WHEN GOD SEES US, HE DOES NOT SEE OUR SHORTCOMINGS BUT THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF JESUS.

1. DO YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE RIGHTEOUS ON YOUR OWN?

2. BASED ON THE PASSAGE, HOW CAN YOU BE RIGHTEOUS?

3. READ THE REST OF THE PASSAGE TO VERSE 11. WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE RESURRECTION?

4. PRAY THANKING JESUS FOR HIS LIFE THAT COUNTS US RIGHTEOUS IF WE BELIEVE IN HIM.

DAY 6

SALVATION BEGINS AN EVERYDAY WALK

READ: 1 JOHN 2:5-6

WHEN YOU SURRENDER YOUR LIFE TO JESUS, ACCEPT HIM AS YOUR SAVIOR, AND TURN AWAY FROM YOUR SINS SOMETHING AMAZING HAPPENS. YOU BEGIN THE WALK OF A BELIEVER. THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES TO YOU AND YOU BEGIN THE PROCESS OF BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS. THIS IS AN EVERYDAY THING THAT ISN'T PERFECT, BUT AGAIN IS EVERYDAY FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE. WHEN I (ALEX) GAVE MY LIFE TO JESUS AT THE AGE OF 16 I WOULD HAVE NO IDEA WHERE IT WOULD LEAD ME. HOWEVER IT WAS THE GREATEST CHOICE I EVER MADE!

1. WILL YOU ACCEPT THE GIFT OF SALVATION AND ETERNAL LIFE WITH JESUS AND BEGIN THIS WALK WITH HIM?
2. IF NOT, WHAT REASONS/ QUESTIONS ARE HOLDING YOU BACK? BRING THOSE TOMORROW TO SMALL GROUP.

REFLECTION

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2. WHAT SIN WAS EXPOSED TO REPROOF?

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4. WHAT TRAINING DO I NEED TO APPLY TO LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY?

5. PRAYER:

THE CHURCH

MEMORY VERSE

ROMANS 12:4-8

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SMALL GROUP

1. WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

2. ARE ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH THE SAME?

3. SHOULD ALL CHURCHES BE THE SAME?

4. WHAT IS THE REASON FOR CHURCH?

5. ARE YOU GOING TO CHURCH? WHY OR WHY NOT

DAY 1

WELCOMES THOSE FAR

READ: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:13

WHEN GOD HAD MADE THE WORLD, HE HAD CHOSEN A GROUP OF PEOPLE KNOWN AS THE ISRAELITES TO BE HIS PEOPLE. THOUGH GOD HAD CHOSEN PEOPLE, OTHERS WERE WELCOMED INTO THE BODY OF BELIEVERS THROUGH FAITH IN HIM. HOWEVER IN JESUS THAT ALL CHANGED. BECAUSE OF HIS WORK OF THE CROSS, THE GIFT OF SALVATION AND A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD BECAME AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE, AS THE PASSAGE SAYS- JEWS OR GREEKS, SLAVES OR FREE.

1. DO YOU THINK CHURCHES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE JUST A SMALL SELECT GROUP OF PEOPLE?
2. WHAT HAVE BEEN YOUR EXPERIENCES WITH CHURCH?
3. DO YOU GO TO CHURCH? WHY OR WHY NOT? IF YOU DO, DO YOU ENJOY IT?
4. PRAY IN THANKING GOD THAT THE CHURCH WAS NOT ONLY MEANT FOR ONE PEOPLE, BUT ALL WHO PLACE THEIR HOPE AND TRUST IN JESUS. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO YOU KNOW DON'T COME TO CHURCH THAT CAN BE WELCOMED IN BY YOU INVITING THEM.

DAY 2

GROWS TOGETHER

READ: HEBREWS 10:23-24, 1 PETER 1:5-8

AN AMAZING THING ABOUT BEING PART OF A CHURCH IS THAT YOU ARE PART OF A FAMILY OF BELIEVERS. THIS FAMILY EXTENDS TO OTHER CHURCHES AS WELL. WE ARE ALL BROTHERS AND SISTERS! WE ARE PUT IN EACH OTHER'S LIVES TO HELP EACH OTHER GROW AND BECOME MORE LIKE JESUS EVERYDAY.

1. WHO ARE PEOPLE THAT HELP YOU GROW?

2. IN WHAT WAYS ARE YOU GROWING IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

3. WHO ARE YOU ENCOURAGING TO GROW IN THEIR FAITH?

4. PRAY THAT GOD WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW YOU AND USE THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU TO ENCOURAGE YOU. ALSO THAT HE WOULD GIVE YOU BOLDNESS TO SEEK TO HELP OTHERS GROW.

DAY 3

KEEPS ONE ANOTHER ACCOUNTABLE

READ: JAMES 5:16, PROVERBS 27:17

WE ARE ALL IN NEED OF ONE ANOTHER! THIS LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN WAS NOT MEANT TO BE DONE THAT WAY. GOD PUT THE CHURCH TOGETHER TO WORK TOGETHER TO BECOME MORE LIKE JESUS, LIKE WE TALKED YESTERDAY, TO GROW. HOWEVER, WE ARE ALSO CALLED TO KEEP EACH OTHER ACCOUNTABLE, MEANING THAT WE WORK TOGETHER AND SOMETIMES CALL EACH OTHER OUT WHEN WE ARE NOT LIVING GODLY LIVES.

1. WHO KEEPS YOU ACCOUNTABLE IN YOUR LIFE?

2. DO YOU THINK ACCOUNTABILITY IS NECESSARY IN YOUR LIFE?

3. WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD HAPPEN IF WE ALL DID A BETTER JOB OF KEEPING EACH OTHER ACCOUNTABLE?

4. PRAY THAT GOD WOULD BRING ACCOUNTABILITY TO YOUR LIFE IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT ALREADY.

DAY 4

ARE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS

READ: ACTS 2:42-47

THE CHURCH AT ITS BEGINNING WAS AN AMAZING THING TO BE A PART OF. PEOPLE WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO HELP ONE ANOTHER AND REACHED PEOPLE WHO WERE FAR FROM JESUS WITH THE GOSPEL. MANY PEOPLE CAME TO KNOW JESUS AS THEIR SAVIOR IN THIS TIME, AS THE PASSAGE SAYS.

1. IN WHAT WAYS HAVE YOU SEEN THE CHURCH HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE FAR FROM JESUS?
2. WHAT WAYS DO YOU THINK THE CHURCH CAN BE DOING MORE?
3. HOW CAN YOU BEGIN TO REACH OUT TO PEOPLE WHO ARE FAR FROM JESUS BY HELPING THEM?
4. PRAY THAT THOSE OPPORTUNITIES TO LOVE AND SERVE MAY OPEN UP AND BE A WAY THROUGH WHICH YOU CAN SHARE YOUR FAITH.

DAY 5

MANY MEMBERS

READ: ROMANS 12:4-8

A COMMON THING PEOPLE GET WRONG IS THAT THE CHURCH IS A PLACE, LIKE A BUILDING ON A STREET. IT'S ACTUALLY MADE NOT OF BRICKS AND CEMENT BUT OF PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT BACK-GROUNDS UNITED IN THE SAVING GRACE OF JESUS. ON TOP OF THAT, THE CHURCH IS MADE UP OF MEMBERS WITH MANY GIFTS. SOME PEOPLE ARE GOOD AT BUILDING THINGS, OTHERS HAVE THE ABILITY TO TEACH, AND MANY MORE. THESE GIFTS ARE GIVEN TO THE BODY OF BELIEVERS FOR THE GLORY OF GOD TO REACH PEOPLE WHO ARE FAR FROM HIM.

1. WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR GIFTS ARE?

2. WHAT KINDS OF THINGS ARE YOU GOOD AT/ PASSIONATE ABOUT?

3. HOW CAN YOU BEGIN TO USE YOUR GIFTS FOR GOD'S GLORY?

4. PRAY FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO USE YOUR GIFTS. IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE, PRAY THAT GOD WOULD SHOW YOU WHAT THOSE THINGS ARE.

DAY 6

BRIDE OF CHRIST

READ: REVELATION 19:7-9, EPHESIANS 5:25-27

THE CHURCH IS THE BRIDE OF CHRIST. IT'S A WEIRD THING TO THINK ABOUT, BUT THAT DESCRIBES THE RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS AND THE CHURCH. IN EPHESIANS IT TALKS ABOUT HOW THE RELATIONSHIP OF JESUS TO HIS BRIDE IS LIKE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A HUSBAND AND WIFE, SACRIFICIAL AND LOVING. BUT ONE DAY THE BRIDE WILL BE UNITED TO HER GROOM, JESUS, AND THERE WILL BE A CELEBRATION. REVELATION TALKS ABOUT THAT FEAST THAT WILL HAPPEN, AND IT WILL BE AMAZING!

1. WHAT DO THESE PASSAGES SAY ABOUT JESUS'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHURCH?

2. WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE END WITH THE CHURCH?

3. DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO THE FEAST IN HEAVEN ONE DAY? WHY OR WHY NOT?

4. PRAY FOR THE CHURCH EVEN AS WE WAIT TO BE WITH JESUS ONE DAY THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED FOR THAT DAY.

REFLECTION

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3. HOW CAN I BE CORRECTED TO LIVE A GODLY LIFE?

4. WHAT TRAINING DO I NEED TO APPLY TO LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY?

5. PRAYER:

PRAYER

MEMORY VERSE

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

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SMALL GROUP

1. WHY DO WE PRAY?

2. WHO CAN PRAY?

3. WHO DO WE PRAY TO?

4. HOW DO WE PRAY?

DAY 1

PRAYER IS COMMUNICATION WITH GOD

READ: PHILIPPIANS 4:6, MATTHEW 26:41

PRAYER IS NECESSARY IN THE LIFE OF THE CHRISTIAN, BECAUSE IT IS OUR LIFELINE TO GOD. IN EVERY MOMENT OF NEED IT IS THE ONE THING WE CAN RUN TO TO COMMUNICATE WITH GOD AND MAKE OUR DIFFICULTIES KNOWN. GOD HEARS ALL THESE THINGS AND WILL CARE FOR YOU.

1. DO YOU PRAY? HOW OFTEN?

2. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF PRAYER? IS IT EFFECTIVE?

3. PRAYER IS OUR LIFELINE TO AN INFINITE AND AMAZING GOD, THE ONE WHO CREATED YOU AND ME. TAKE SOME TIME TO REFLECT ON THAT THOUGHT.

4. PRAY IN THANKFULNESS FOR BEING ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH GOD.

DAY 2

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

READ: 1 TIMOTHY 2:1, COLOSSIANS 1:9

IF YOU SPEND TIME READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT, YOU'LL FIND THAT A LOT OF THE BOOKS ARE LETTERS FROM PAUL TO DIFFERENT CHURCHES AROUND THE MODERN-DAY MIDDLE EAST. PAUL WRITES EACH OF THESE LETTERS FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER. SOMETIMES TO ENCOURAGE OR EVEN TO CALL OUT PROBLEMS THAT PEOPLE AT THOSE CHURCHES ARE HAVING. ONE THING IS COMMON AMONGST MANY OF THOSE LETTERS IS PAUL'S EXAMPLE OF HOW HE PRAYS FOR EACH OF THEM. HE KNOWS THEM ALL AND THEIR NEEDS AND ASKS GOD TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FOR THOSE NEEDS. WE SHOULD DO THE SAME FOR ONE ANOTHER. OUR GREATEST WAY OF HELPING ONE ANOTHER CAN OFTEN COME FROM PRAYING FOR THOSE PEOPLE.

1. WHO ARE YOU PRAYING FOR?

2. WHO IS PRAYING FOR YOU?

3. HOW CAN PRAYING FOR OTHERS HELP YOU IN YOUR SPIRITUAL WALK?

4. PRAY FOR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND THOSE YOU KNOW WHO ARE FAR FROM JESUS.

DAY 3

PRAYER NEVER ENDS

READ: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

“PRAY WITHOUT CEASING” MEANING THAT PRAYER SHOULD NEVER END. IT IS OUR LIFELINE TO THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE WHO KNOWS US MORE THAN ANYONE COULD EVER KNOW US. HE IS THE ONE WHO CREATED US, WHO KNOWS THE NUMBERS OF HAIR ON OUR HEADS, AND KNEW US BEFORE WE EVEN CAME TO BE. WHOEVER YOU ARE, GOD KNOWS YOU AND LOVES YOU. THE GREAT THING ABOUT THAT IS THAT AGAIN HE ALLOWS US TO HAVE DIRECT CONNECTION TO HIM THROUGH PRAYER. AND PAUL WRITES THIS TO BE SOMETHING THAT NEVER CEASES. PRAYER DOESN'T ALWAYS HAVE TO BE BEFORE BED, BEFORE A MEAL, OR BEFORE A TEST YOU FEEL NERVOUS ABOUT. IT IS FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYTHING. IT CAN BE DONE AT YOUR LOCKER IN BETWEEN CLASSES, DURING PRACTICE, OR EVEN WITH SOMEONE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY!

1. DO YOU PRAY WITHOUT CEASING?

2. WHAT TIMES ALLOW FOR PRAYER?

3. WHAT KINDS OF THINGS CAN YOU COMMIT TO BE PRAYING FOR AT ALL TIMES?

4. PRAY FOR A HEART THAT NEVER CEASES PRAYING, BUT ALSO FOR THE LORD TO REVEAL TIMES TO SPEND TIME IN PRAYER THROUGHOUT YOUR DAY.

DAY 4

JESUS PRAYED

READ: LUKE 5:12-16

AS CHRISTIANS WE UNDERGO A PROCESS OF BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS EVERYDAY CALLED SANCTIFICATION. EVERYDAY, WITH THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE BECOME MORE LIKE HIM THROUGH THOUGHT, WORDS, AND DEEDS. SO IN THIS PASSAGE WE SEE JESUS HEALING A LEPER, BUT THEN HE DOES SOMETHING INTERESTING AT THE END. AS MORE PEOPLE GATHERED AROUND HIM, HE WENT AWAY TO PRAY. JESUS, THE SON OF GOD, FELLOW CREATOR OF ALL THINGS NEEDED TO SPEND TIME IN PRAYER AND SO SHOULD WE! AS WE TALKED ABOUT YESTERDAY, IT NEEDS TO NEVER BE CEASING, BUT IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO HAVE DEVOTED TIMES WHEN WE GET AWAY TO PRAY AS JESUS DID?

1. DO YOU HAVE DEVOTED TIMES OF PRAYER?

2. IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU FOLLOW JESUS'S EXAMPLE OF PRAYING?

3. IN WHAT OTHER WAYS ARE YOU FOLLOWING IN JESUS'S EXAMPLE?

4. PRAY THAT THE LORD GROWS YOU IN A LOVE FOR PRAYER; THAT YOU WOULD FOLLOW IN THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS.

DAY 5

PRAYER DOESN'T NEED TO BE FANCY

READ: MATTHEW 6:5-15

PRAYER DOES NOT NEED TO BE SOMETHING FANCY. IT DOESN'T NEED TO HAVE THEES, THOUS, AND THYS. IT REALLY IS AS SIMPLE AS TELLING GOD WHAT IS ON YOUR MIND. THERE IS NO NEED TO THINK THAT GOD WON'T HEAR YOU EVEN IF YOU PRAY A CERTAIN WAY. GOD HEARS THE WORDS WE SPEAK TO HIM AND KNOWS OUR HEARTS BEHIND THEM, SO IT IS GOOD FOR US TO DO SO. IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO PRAY, IT'S AS SIMPLE AS HAVING A CONVERSATION WITH GOD. EVEN BETTER, JESUS GIVES US AN EXAMPLE OF HOW AND WHAT TO PRAY HERE IN THIS PASSAGE.

1. DO YOU TRY AND PRAY USING FANCY WORDS OR PHRASES?

2. HOW DO YOU PRAY?

3. DO YOU THINK GOD KNOWS YOUR HEART WHEN YOU PRAY?

4. PRAY SHARING WHAT YOU HAVE GOING ON WITH GOD. IF NECESSARY PRAY USING THE LORD'S PRAYER GIVEN IN VERSES 9 THROUGH 13.

DAY 6

PRAY IN ALL THINGS

READ: EPHESIANS 6:18

PRAYER ISN'T JUST FOR WHEN THINGS ARE HARD BUT FOR WHEN THINGS ARE GOOD AND EVEN WHEN THINGS ARE JUST "MEH". THIS WEEK YOU HAVE BEEN READING ALL ABOUT PRAYER. PRAYER IS NEVER CEASING, DEVOTED, HONEST. IT IS ALSO FOR EVERY SITUATION. WHEN THINGS ARE BAD, PRAY. WHEN THINGS ARE GOOD, PRAY. WHEN YOU ARE JUST IN THE MIDDLE OF GOOD AND BAD, PRAY. THE WALK OF A CHRISTIAN IS EVERY DAY AND SOMETIMES WHEN THINGS ARE JUST "FINE" OR GOOD WE CAN FOOL OURSELVES INTO THINKING WE DON'T NEED TO PRAY OR THANK GOD, SO REMEMBER TO PRAY IN ALL THINGS.

1. DO YOU PRAY IN ALL THINGS? (GOOD, BAD, AND JUST FINE)

2. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO PRAY IN ALL THINGS?

3. WHAT KINDS OF THINGS CAN YOU PRAY FOR RIGHT NOW?

4. PRAY FOR THOSE THINGS IN QUESTION 3.

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5. PRAYER:

OBEDIENCE

MEMORY VERSE

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

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SMALL GROUP

1. ARE YOU A RULE BREAKER OR RULE FOLLOWER?

2. WHAT HAS GOD CALLED US TO BE OBEDIENT TO?

3. IS OBEDIENCE EASY?

4. WHAT ARE SOME AREAS WHERE IT IS HARD TO OBEY?

5. HOW CAN WE HELP ONE ANOTHER TO OBEY GOD'S COMMANDS?

DAY 1

OBEDIENCE IS EXPECTED OF EVERY BELIEVER

READ: 1 JOHN 5:3, JAMES 2:26

PART OF BEING A BELIEVER IS FOLLOWING IN OBEDIENCE THE COMMANDS THAT GOD HAS SET OUT FOR EACH ONE OF US. THERE ARE DIFFERENT COMMANDS FOR CHILDREN, HUSBANDS, WIVES, TEACHERS, AND OTHERS. WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS FOR US TO FOLLOW THOSE COMMANDS FAITHFULLY. WE DO THIS NOT BECAUSE WE WILL MAKE GOD LOVE US ANY MORE, BUT BECAUSE HE ALREADY LOVES US MORE THAN WE CAN POSSIBLY IMAGINE. WE DO THIS OUT OF FAITHFULNESS TO THE ONE WHO HAS GIVEN US LIFE, REDEMPTION, AND FREEDOM FROM OUR SINS!

1. WHAT KINDS OF COMMANDS DO YOU KNOW COME FROM THE BIBLE?

2. DO YOU DO A GOOD JOB OF FOLLOWING THOSE COMMANDS? WHY OR WHY NOT?

3. HOW CAN YOU GROW TODAY IN BEING OBEDIENT TO GOD'S COMMANDS?

4. PRAY FOR HELP IN BEING OBEDIENT AND THAT GOD WOULD SHOW YOU WHERE YOU CAN EXERCISE THOSE COMMANDS.

DAY 2

OBEDIENCE IS EVERYDAY

READ: JAMES 1:22, PROVERBS 19:16

OBEDIENCE IS PART OF THE EVERYDAY WALK OF THE BELIEVER. IT IS ONE THING TO KNOW WHAT YOU NEED TO DO AND ANOTHER TO ACTUALLY DO IT. PHRASES LIKE “ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS” MIGHT COME TO MIND WHEN THINKING ABOUT THIS IDEA. AS CHRISTIANS WE SHOULD NOT JUST TALK THE TALK, BUT WALK THE WALK AND SHOW IN OUR DEEDS THAT WE ARE FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST. JUST LIKE JAMES TELLS US THAT IF YOU DON’T YOU ARE LYING TO YOURSELF.

1. HOW DO YOU WALK IN OBEDIENCE TO THE COMMANDS OF GOD?

2. WHERE ARE SOME AREAS OF YOUR LIFE WHERE YOU TALK THE TALK BUT NOT ALWAYS WALK THE WALK?

3. HOW CAN YOU MAKE CHANGES TO THOSE THINGS?

4. PRAY THE LORD WOULD HELP YOU WALK IN OBEDIENCE AND THAT HIS SPIRIT WOULD STRENGTHEN YOU.

DAY 3

OBEDIENCE TRANSFORMS US

READ: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

WHEN WE SURRENDER OUR LIVES TO JESUS, WE BECOME INDWELT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. UPON THAT TIME BEGINS THE PROCESS OF ACTUALLY BECOMING MORE LIKE HIM. JESUS WAS OBEDIENT TO THE WILL OF THE FATHER IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE IN LIFE, SO MUCH THAT HE WAS ABLE TO LIVE A SINLESS LIFE. ONE OF THE WAYS WE BECOME MORE LIKE JESUS IS BY FOLLOWING HIS COMMANDS. THESE DEEDS DON'T NECESSARILY EARN US ANYTHING, BECAUSE JESUS HAS ALREADY DONE THE WORKING OF SAVING US FROM ETERNITY WITHOUT GOD. THESE DEEDS HOWEVER WORK TOWARDS MAKING US MORE LIKE HIM, IN TURN, TRANSFORMING US FROM WHO WE USED TO BE INTO A NEW PERSON. THIS AGAIN IS A PROCESS AND COMES FIRST THROUGH THE FAITH THAT WE HAVE IN JESUS AS OUR LORD.

1. IN WHAT WAYS HAVE YOU BEEN TRANSFORMED BY JESUS?

2. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT JESUS CAN TRANSFORM YOU?

3. WHO ARE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE YOU WOULD WISH TO SEE MADE NEW BY JESUS?

4. PRAY FOR THOSE PEOPLE.

DAY 4

OBEY BECAUSE OF LOVE

READ: 2 JOHN 6

WHO IS SOMEONE YOU LOVE? IS IT YOUR PARENTS, FRIEND, GRANDPARENT? WHOEVER IT MAY BE, MOST CAN AGREE THAT IF YOU LOVE SOMEONE YOU WOULD DO SOMETHING FOR THEM IF THEY ASKED YOU TO. ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE, YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE WILLING TO DO SOMETHING FOR SOMEONE YOU DON'T LIKE. AS CHRISTIANS, WE OBEY GOD NOT JUST BECAUSE HE HAS COMMANDED US, BUT OUT OF LOVE FOR HIM AND WHAT JESUS HAS DONE ON THE CROSS FOR OUR SALVATION.

1. DO YOU LOVE GOD? WHY OR WHY NOT?

2. WHY DO YOU FOLLOW GOD'S COMMANDS?

3. CAN WE STILL FOLLOW GOD'S COMMANDS IF WE DON'T LOVE HIM?

4. WHY MIGHT THAT NOT BE GOOD?

DAY 5

OBEDIENCE BRINGS US CLOSER TO GOD

READ: DEUTERONOMY 4:39-40

IT'S HARD SOMETIMES BEING A CHILD. YOU MIGHT WISH TO HAVE YOUR OWN PLACE, OWN RULES, YOUR OWN LIFE. PARENTS CAN SOMETIMES MAKE US DO THINGS WE REALLY DISLIKE DOING BY SAYING IT'S FOR OUR GOOD, AND MOST OF THE TIME IT IS. A PARENTS' ROLE IS NOT TO BE YOUR FRIEND, BUT TO BE YOUR PARENT, SO THEIR COMMANDS ARE IMPORTANT FOR YOUR LIFE. PARENTS HOPEFULLY DO THINGS OUT OF LOVE FOR YOU, SO IT IS THE SAME WITH GOD. GOD HAS RULES AND COMMANDS FOR US TO OBEY, AND THESE NOT ONLY HELP US GROW AS BELIEVERS AND AS PEOPLE BUT CLOSE TO HIM IN THE PROCESS.

1. HOW ARE YOU OBEYING GOD TODAY?

2. IS IT FRUSTRATING BEING OBEDIENT TO GOD?

3. HOW CAN YOU GROW IN OBEDIENCE TODAY?

4. PRAY FOR WAYS TO GROW IN OBEDIENCE AND FOR GROWING CLOSER TO GOD.

DAY 6

GRACE IN OBEDIENCE

READ: EPHESIANS 2:8-10

THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO THAT CAN MAKE GOD LOVE US ANY MORE. IT IS HIS LOVE THAT MAKES THAT POSSIBLE. WE SIMPLY ARE CALLED TO OBEY HIM AND THE COMMANDS HE HAS SET OUT FOR US. HOWEVER THAT ALSO ISN'T ALWAYS EASY, WE MESS UP, WE FALL SHORT, WE MAKE MISTAKES. NOT EVEN ONE OF US IS PERFECT. THAT'S DISCOURAGING AT TIMES, UNLESS YOU REMEMBER THE TRUTH OF EPHESIANS THAT YOU JUST READ. WE HAVE BEEN SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH, NOT BY WORKS! THAT'S AMAZING!

1. DO YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE IT ALL TOGETHER?

2. HAVE YOU EVER MESSED UP BEFORE?

3. HOW CAN YOU LIVE IN GOD'S GRACE TODAY?

4. PRAY IN THANKFULNESS THAT YOU DON'T NEED TO DO ANYTHING TO EARN GOD'S GRACE.

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