

Bible Study, A Congregation That Shines, Week 2

Day: 1 Leaders Of The Light Part 2

Read 1 Corinthians 4

1. Give a definition of mentorship
2. What does the Bible teach us about mentorship?
 - 1 Corinthians 4: 15-17
 - Galatians 4; 19-20
 - 1 Thessalonians 1: 4-8
 - 2 Timothy 2: 1-2
3. Why is the following important in mentorship?
 - Bible teaching
 - Building character
 - Life capabilities
 - Accountability
 - Time management

4. Further Reading:

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| • 1 Corinthians 10: 31, 11: 1. | Do as I do |
| • Titus 2: 1-8. | Teach by example |
| • Philippians 4: 6-9. | Learn through watching and hearing |
| • Acts 9: 26, 11: 24-26. | Paul's mentor |
| • 2 Timothy 1: 3-9. | Timothy's mentors |

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Day: 2 A Light For All The Nations And All Races

Read Galatians 3: 26-29

1. Name examples of racism in the history.
2. Name examples of racism today.
3. What does the Bible say about it?
 - Galatians 3: 26-29
 - Acts 10: 27-29, 34-35

- James 2: 1-4, 8-10
- Revelations 5: 9

4. Is it wrong for a congregation to focus on people with a specific culture and language in a congregation's preaching?

5. What can be done to reach a community more effectively with the Gospel?

6. Further Reading:

- Colossians 3: 5-11. Christ is for all
- Colossians 3: 12-17. Live in peace with all
- Ephesians 4: 1-16. Unity in the church
- Philippians 2: 1-5. Harmony and unanimity
- 1 Corinthians 11: 17-22. Division and disunity

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Day: 3 The Eternal Light Is Coming

Read 2 Peter 3

1. Discuss the following: "A Christian has to make piece with sin in his life as it is impossible to be without sin while we are still here on earth."

2. What is the message of Jesus' second coming?

- 2 Peter 3: 14-15
- 1 John 2: 3-6
- Revelations 22 12-15

3. Read Galatians 5: 19-21 and Mark 7: 20-23 and write down what it is that sometimes soils your clothes.

4. Name examples of sin neglect.

5. What is the connection between John 1: 29-30 and Isaiah 53: 4-7?

6. How do we get our clothes clean from the marks of sin?

- Isaiah 1: 18
- 1 John 1: 9

7. Further Reading:

- Joshua 7: 10-15. God's judgment of sin
- Luke 12: 35-48. Be spiritually awake
- Luke 3: 3-20. Convert yourself
- Amos 5: 10-15. Hate that which is wrong
- 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11. Jesus' second coming will be unexpected

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Day: 4 When The Eternal Light Breaks Thorough

Read Mark 13: 4-9, 24-37

1. What is going to happen with Christ's second coming?
2. What are the signs of the second coming that we can see already? (Mark 13: 4-9)
3. Why do we have to see the signs of Jesus' second coming? (Mark 13: 28-31)
4. Can we predict the date of Jesus' second coming? (Mark 13: 32)
5. What does Jesus wants to teach us with the parable in Mark 13: 33-37?
6. Which signs of the final generation can we see in our society of today already? (2 Timothy 3: 1-5)
7. What message does the second coming hold according to James 1: 1-3?
8. What is the message of the second coming for us today?
9. What does 2 Peter 3: 7-15 say about it?

10. Further Reading:

- James 5: 7-11. The Judge is standing at the door
- Matthew 24: 36-44. When is He coming?
- Matthew 25: 1-13. Are you ready?
- Matthew 24: 31-46. With what are you occupied?
- Revelations 6: 1-17. The seven seals

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Day: 5 Spread The Light

Read Isaiah 61

1. Explain how Isaiah 61: 1 came true in Jesus' life
2. Explain how Mark 16: 15-16 came true in the Apostle's lives
3. Explain how the order in the above are carried out in your personal life.
4. Discuss the following: "We do not get to the order above because we are tied to our comfort zone."
5. How did the 12 disciples get out of their comfort zone? (Acts 1: 8)
6. Can one really be a Christian without witnessing?
7. What does Matthew 5: 14-16 say about it?
8. Think of a few examples of how we can spread the gospel.
9. Further Reading:
 - Isaiah 42: 1-9. Witness with authority
 - Psalm 139: 7-12. God is with us everywhere
 - Romans 15: 14-21. Paul as a witness
 - Acts 2: 11-21. Witnesses through the power of the Holy Spirit
 - Acts 8: 1-8. Spreading the gospel

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Day: 6 Available To Stand In Service Of The Light

Read James 2: 14-26

1. Can you name someone you see as an excellent servant of the light? Motivate your answer.
2. What does James 2: 14-17 teach us about the relationship between faith and deeds?
3. How is God going to test our faith? Matthew 25: 31-40
4. What should our motive be when we do good deeds?
5. What is keeping us from service or deeds?
6. What is the secret of true service? John 4: 14, 7: 37-39

7. Further Reading:

- Hebrews 11: 6-12. Faith that goes into works, deeds and service
- Luke 10: 25-37. Love does something practical
- James 2: 14-26. Faith in practice
- Romans 8: 4-11. Love and serve through the spirit

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Day: 7 The Festival Of Light

Read Habakkuk 3: 17-19

1. Why are Christians so often associated with serious drawn faces and unhappiness?
2. What is it that "steals" Christian's happiness?
3. Make a list of all the things you can be happy and thankful for?
4. What is responsible for difficulties in your life at the moment?
5. How are you supposed to handle difficult times according to Habakkuk 3: 17-19?
6. What is the formula for happiness in a Christian's life according to Philippians 4: 4 and Galatians 5: 22?
7. Rewrite David's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29: 12-17 to suit the circumstances in your life and congregation.

8. Further Reading:

- 2 Chronicles 6: 17-21. God hears in His temple
- 1 Kings 8: 54-66. Dedication of the temple
- Matthew 6: 19-34. Do not worry
- 2 Corinthians 1: 3-11. Victory in difficult time
- Malachi 4: 1-4. God's children are happy

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