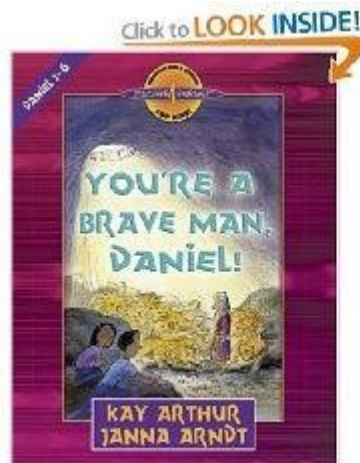


Bible Study, Becoming More Like Jesus, Week 3



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Day: 1 The Holy Spirit - My GPS

Read Galatians 5: 13-26

1. How can we be sure that we have the Holy Spirit? Read 1 Corinthians 6: 17
2. What does the freedom we have imply?
3. What does this freedom not apply?
4. How should we live, in other words what should we use as our "GPS?"
5. What will happen if we do not do that?
6. Freedom leads to thankfulness and love:
 - It demands a conscious choice to do the "right" thing
 - You have to be careful not to ignore the Holy Spirit
 - We have to "do" and live the new life more and more every day
 - We have to work "with" God all the time
 - We have to be in a relationship with God and listen to the Holy Spirit all day long
 - We have to know the Word so that we can know God's voice
 - We must be in a daily prayer relationship with God, praying right through the day
7. What will the result be?
 - Will we still make mistakes?
 - Will we hear the voice of The Holy Spirit?
8. Further Reading:

- Matthew 12: 22-32. The implications of ignoring The Holy Spirit
- Mark 13: 11. Hear the Holy Spirit's voice
- 2 Corinthians 13: 14. The Holy Spirit inside you
- Ephesians 4: 30. The Holy Spirit in you
- 1 Timothy 1: 5-8. Rejecting the Holy Spirit is rejecting God
- Hebrews 3: 7-19. Do not ignore the Holy Spirit

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Day: 2 My Moslem Friend

Read Act 2: 22-41

1. What is the fundamental difference between Christianity and Islam?
2. We all know that Islam also believes in God (Allah) and they do believe in Jesus, only that He was a great prophet and not the Son Of God and the Messiah that died on the cross to save us from our sins. What do the following say about it?

- 1 Timothy 2: 3-6
- 1 Corinthians 8: 5-6
- 2 Peter 1: 16-18

3. What should a Christian's attitude be when reaching out to a Moslem?

4. Discuss the following:

"A Christians should not argue and reason, but should only witness about what Jesus has done for us."

5. Plan how to reach your Moslem friends under the following:

- Intercession
- Making friends
- Personal witness

6. Further Reading:

Each Moslem has five tasks or requirements they have to comply to. It is called the five pillars of Islam. Bring it into context with the Christian faith by using the mentioned verses from the Bible:

- SHAHADAH - This pillar is to believe and say the following words: There is no God but Allah, Mohammed is the messenger of Allah, Exodus 34: 14.
- SALAH - This pillar is to pray five times a day. There are set prayers a Moslem must pray, all Moslems must face Mecca, in Arabia, when they pray and they must pray on a prayer mat. Moslems must wash before they pray. There are set movements that include kneeling with their head on the ground. Matthew 6: 5-13.
- ZAKAH - Each year a Moslem must give a set part of his savings (his excess) to the poor and in this way they believe that their wealth cleansed and made pure. Acts 2: 44-46.
- SAWM - Fast from sunrise to sunset by abstaining from food and drink during the month of Ramadan. Ezra 8: 21-23
- HAJJ - To do a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in their life. Matthew 19: 16-30

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Day: 3 My Friends From Other Cultures, Races And Nations

Read Matthew 28: 18-20

1. What are our responsibilities towards other cultures, races and nations around us?
 - Matthew 28: 19
 - Acts 10: 34-36
 - James 2: 8-9
2. What do you think are the aspects that can hamper our efforts to bring the gospel to others that are different from us?
3. How is Religion practiced by the communities surrounding us?
4. Which Christian principles are "new" and different to these communities?
5. How am I going to approach someone who is completely different from me and my background?
6. How can I reach out to my neighbors and make a difference?
7. How can I prepare myself better to reach out to communities with a different culture to mine?

8. Further Reading:

- Romans 1: 13-17. Do not be ashamed
- 2 Peter 3: 9-15. Do not postpone
- Ephesians 6: 5-9. Good relationships
- 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5. Requirement for witnessing
- Acts 8: 26-40. Philip the witness

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Day: 4 Did We Grow?

Last Study In The Series

Today is not so much a Bible Study as a looking back on the whole series and deciding if we have grown. Let us start by looking at the further reading part and proceed to the questions from there.

1. Further Reading:

- Acts 4: 32-35. Witness and do
- Matthew 25: 34-46. The smallest deed counts
- Acts 5: 29-32, 9: 31. The importance of obedience
- 1 Corinthians 14: 24-27. Praise in the care group
- Mark 16: 14-20. The command to grow and multiply

2. What were your goals of your care group for this series?

3. Which of your goals did you not reach?

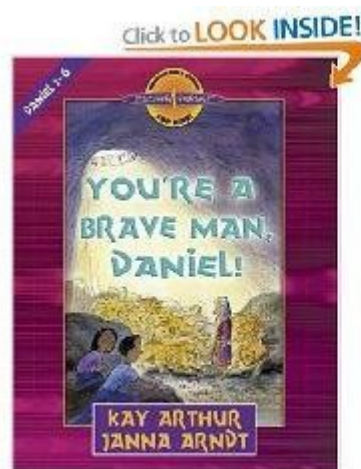
4. Discuss the progress made in the following:

- Attendance of care group meetings
- Openness in the group
- Trust
- Tithes
- Participation
- Spiritual growth
- Caring
- Openness to the workings of the Holy Spirit

5. How much did your care group grow?

6. Did your care group grow and multiply?
7. Which matters were cleared up by this series?
8. What were the problems you had?
9. How did you reach the solutions?

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