

Bible Study, In His Service, Week 1

Day: 1 Intimacy with God

Read psalm 63

1. Read Psalm 63:1-5. What did intimacy with God mean to David?
2. Read John 15: 1-5 and answer the following:
 - What does it say about our relationship with God?
 - What is the secret of fruitfulness?
3. Explain to yourself what you understand of each of the following steps of spiritual growth:
 - Always seeking Christ
 - Growing in Christ
 - Close to Christ
 - Christ centered
4. What is the role of each of the following on a person's road to spiritual growth?
 - The TV
 - Isolation
 - The Bible
 - The wrong relationships
 - Sins not forgiven yet
 - Complete surrender
5. Read 2 Corinthians 6: 2. Why must we not postpone when we hear God speaking?
6. Further reading:
 - Psalm 27: 1-14. God is with you even in a crisis
 - Matthew 6: 19-21. What prevents intimacy with God?
 - Matthew 6: 25-34. Priority determines intimacy
 - 1 John 2: 3-6. Obedience is the secret
 - Song of Solomon 2: 8-17. What does a marriage teach us about intimacy with God?

Day: 2 First Love

Read Revelations 2: 1-7

1. First of all think about your first love as a young person and then compare it to your relationship with God
2. How does Jesus judge the relationship of the Ephesians with god?
3. What causes spiritual “cooling?”
 - In Ephesus (9AC)
 - In your congregation today
 - And in your own life today
4. Try and explain what is involved in the next steps of returning to God:
 - Think back (verse 5)
 - Repentance (verse 5)
 - Do it again (verse 5)
5. Formulate a personal covenant that you are prepared to go into with God and write it down so that you can go back to it.
6. Additional reading:
 - Revelations 3: 4-22 lukewarm is despicable to God
 - Acts 19: 1-11 Ephesus burning for go in 60 AC
 - Ephesians 4: 25-5: 5 the secret of the love the Ephesians had for God
 - Revelations 2: 14-15 who were the Nicolaitans
 - 2 Chronicles 15: 10-15 Make a covenant with your whole heart

Day: 3 Quiet Time And Bible Study

Read 2 Timothy 3: 10- 4:8 and Matthew 6: 5-18

1. Why do we have to urgently get our relationship with God right?
2. Think about the following statement: “growth in a relationship can only come with mutual communication that requires time and sacrifice”
3. Apply this statement to the importance of prayer and Bible Study.
4. Read Timothy 3: 12-17 again. What does it teach us about the importance of Bible Study?
4. What did Jesus teach us about prayer in Matthew 6: 5-18? (I find the Message very good here, it sheds a completely new light on this well know piece)
5. What can a person do to grow in:
 - Your prayer life (where; when; how long; how; what?)
 - Your Bible Study (how?)
6. Further reading:
 - Luke 2: 41-52. Jesus’ passion for the word of God.
 - Joshua 1: 7-9. Think about God’s guidelines
 - 1 John 5: 13-21. The requirements and promise for answer to prayer
 - 1 Peter 2: 1-3. Grow through the milk of the Word of God
 - Exodus 33: 7-11. A meeting place in the “inner room”

Day: 4 The Millions Vision

Read Luke 9: 57-10: 16

1. What was Jesus' vision for the world?
2. What is your personal vision for the world and what is your congregation's vision for the world?
3. What was Jesus' strategy to reach the millions of this world?
4. What is your personal vision and your congregations vision to reach millions in this world?
5. What were the excuses the people had in Jesus' time for His vision?
6. What are the excuses we have to day not to take part in this vision of reaching millions for Jesus?
7. How can the people in your congregation work together to reach your goal:
 - The business people in your congregation?
 - Evangelical and missionary actions?
 - Other churches?
8. Further reading:
 - Matthew 9: 25- 10: 5: Jesus' passion for a lost world
 - Acts 11: 19-26: Strategies and cooperation
 - Acts 18: 24-28: Expansion through becoming partners with others
 - Acts 28: 21-31: Witness everywhere in spite of opposition
 - Luke 13: 18-21 The power of the Gospel

Day: 5 Assignment With A Promise

Read Matthew 28: 16-20 and Acts 1: 1-8

1. Name the things making it difficult for you to witness.
2. How can you overcome these difficulties? If you have the opportunity, ask someone to help you think of ways.
3. In the following two readings, what is the assignment or order and what is the promise?
 - Matthew 28: 18-20
 - Acts 1: 6-8
4. Complete the following sentences:
 - Jesus' plan and reason for my life is.....
 - When I'm scared and reluctant to witness I must cling to the following truth.....
5. Which warning do we find in Ezekiel 3: 18 and proverbs 24: 11-12?
6. Further reading:
 - Luke 19: 1-10. The purpose of Jesus' life on earth
 - 2 Timothy 4: 1-5. Timothy's purpose and work on earth
 - Hebrews 10: 26-3. The judgment and punishment of God rests on sin
 - 2 Timothy 2: 21-26. How does the enemy stop us from witnessing
 - 1 Peter 2: 1-9. Saved to witness

Day: 6 Come and Go

Different readings as the study flows

1. Why does Jesus invite us to come to Him? Give the reason after each piece of scripture.

Matthew 11: 28-29

John 6: 35-37

John 7: 37-39

Matthew 4: 18-20

2. What was Jesus' big instruction to everyone that came to Him? Write it down after each reading.

- Matthew 16: 15
- John 20: 21

3. What were the sacrifices Jesus' disciples had to make to:

- Come?
- Go?

4. Is it important that everyone that came to Jesus has to go out and reach others?

5. Why is Jesus' "come" command more important to many than the "go" one?

6. Further reading:

- 2 Timothy 2: 14-19. Do not stop witnessing
- 1 Thessalonians 1: 4-10. Witnessing by your example
- Romans 10: 9-17. What is God's saving plan for us?
- Isaiah 6: 1-8. Willing to be sent
- Acts 8: 1-4. Sent by prosecution

Day: 7 Sent

Read Acts 17: 16-18

1. What does Paul teach us about “pulpit ministers” and “marketplace ministers?”
2. What was the heart of Paul’s witnessing?
3. Write down what the heart of the gospel is.
4. Read 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21. What is the message God sends us out with?
5. Explain the role the following can play in our task of witnessing:
 - Prayer
 - Friendships
 - Your personal testimony
 - Inviting someone to go with you
 - Gifts
 - Training
6. How can we start witnessing in:
 - Our home?
 - Our neighborhood?
 - Our workplace?
 - Our circle of family and friends?
 - The mission field?
7. Further reading:
 - 1 Timothy 2: 3-7. The heart of the gospel
 - John 14: 1-6. The only road to heaven
 - Acts 4: 8-14. We can only be saved by the blood of Christ
 - Matthew 10: 32-39. Do not be ashamed of Jesus
 - Luke 5: 27-32. Jesus in the marketplace

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