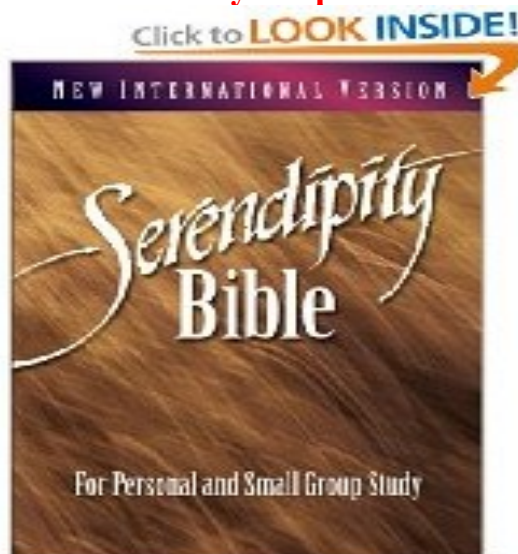


## Bible Study, Your Congregation For God, Series 2, Week 4

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### **Day: 1 In A Time Such A This**

*Read Esther 4: 1- 5: 14*

1. What is the background and the significance of the pronouncement over Esther in Esther 4: 14?
2. What is the biggest need in?
  - Your country
  - Your church
  - Your community
  - Your care group
3. What are the specific reasons why God established your congregation where it is in a time such as this?
4. What does Esther 4: 16 teach us about her commitment to her task?
5. What do you do to realize your congregation's calling?
6. Name examples of what you do to realize your congregation's calling.
7. Further Reading:
  - Matthew 5: 14-16.                      You are the light of the world
  - Isaiah 42: 6-10.                        God's command
  - Ephesians 1: 18-23.                    God's great strength
  - Mica 4: 1-4.                              The nations will stream to God

- John 21: 16-17. Care for my sheep

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## **Day: 2 A Community Church**

*Read James 1: 19-27*

1. What do you understand under a "community church?"
2. What does true religion looks like according to?
  - James 1: 27
  - Isaiah 58: 6-7
  - Psalm 82: 2-4
3. What is going to count in God's eyes when the final reckoning comes according to Matthew 25: 34-46?
4. What is the reason why you are not involved with your community and that you are afraid to leave your comfort Zone?
5. What are the challenges in your community?
6. Decide on steps you can take to get involved with your community.
7. Further Reading:
  - Galatians 6: 1-10. Carry each other's burdens
  - 1 John 3: 11-18. Love forces you out of your comfort zone
  - Acts 10: 7-20. Peter leaves his comfort zone
  - 1 Peter 4: 7-11. Serve each other with your gifts
  - Philippians 2: 1-5. Do not be self centered

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## **Day: 3 Witnessing Through Words And Deeds**

*Read Matthew 22: 1-10*

1. Comment on the following: "the church should stop to use all its time for caring for its own members and should reach out to the communities outside of the church."

2. What does the piece we read today say about it?
3. How wide is the church's focus?
  - Isaiah 42: 6-9
  - Isaiah 43: 6-9
4. What is God's plan for the world? Romans 10: 9-19
5. What should the balance be between helping people in need and leading them to salvation?
6. Give practical ideas and opportunities where we can show the love of Christ to
  - Our neighbors
  - People at work
  - Strangers that cross our path
7. Further Reading:
 

• 2 Corinthians 9: 6-9.	Obey the love command
• Luke 3: 11-14.	Our responsibility towards each other
• Acts 2: 43-47.	Share with each other
• Hebrews 13: 15-16.	Do not delay with your sharing
• Luke 10: 30-37.	Love your neighbor

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### **Day: 4 Reach Out To The World**

*Read Isaiah 40: 1-11*

1. What is the purpose of community involvement?
2. What do Isaiah 40: 1-5 say about it?
3. What is the connection between John 13: 35 and Revelations 19: 8?
4. Are good deeds and works necessary to be saved and go to heaven?
5. What is the difference between "Being Christ for the people" and "Telling people about Christ?"
6. How can children be helped to become involved in the community by?
  - The church

- Their parents

7. How can we bring the love of God to people in a practical way at?

- The place we work
- Where we stay
- Impoverished communities close to us

8. Further Reading:

- 1 John 2: 7-11.           Reach out to people in need
- Psalm 41: 2-4.           Take care of the weak
- James 1: 19-27.         Real religion is standing by the widows and the orphans
- Proverbs 3: 9-10.       Promise for loving your neighbor for real
- James 2: 14-17.         Everyone should be involved

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## **Day: 5 Sanctification**

*Read 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-12*

1. What do you understand as the meaning of the term "sanctification?"
2. Can you be a Christian without sanctification?
3. What is sanctification according to?
  - Ephesians 4: 20-24
  - 2 Corinthians 7: 1
4. What are the instructions given in 1 Peter 1: 13-16?
5. What is the purpose of sanctification?
6. What is the result if someone does not pursue sanctification?
7. Why should sanctification be the most important characteristic of a leader?
8. What is it that shows your commitment to sanctification?

9. Further Reading:

- 2 Corinthians 3: 18.       The glory of God
- Hebrews 12: 14-17.       Exert yourself towards sanctification
- 1 Thessalonians 3: 1-8.    Grow in sanctification

- Ephesians 1: 4. We have been chosen to be holy in God
- Romans 6: 22-23. The reward for being holy

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### **Day: 6 Humility**

*Read James 4: 1-10*

1. Discuss the relationship between sanctification and humility.
2. Read James 4: 4-10 again.
  - Why do you think pride is being named as such a big sin?
  - Why humility is named as such an exceptional ideal?
  - Discuss the following: "materialism is the biggest enemy of humility."
3. Read Luke 18: 9-14
  - What is spiritual pride?
  - In which ways does spiritual pride appear in this world today?
  - Does any of these sign appear in your life?
  - How does one overcome pride?
  - What are the things you have to be on the lookout for when you discuss your church and your congregation with people?
4. Further Reading:
  - Isaiah 48: 1-11. All the Glory to God
  - Psalm 20: 1-9. Understand that it is God who provides in your needs
  - Philippians 2: 1-4. Do not do anything out of selfishness or pride
  - Luke 22: 24-28. Who is the most important?
  - Galatians 6: 3-5. Do not fool yourself

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### **Day: 7 Love For The Bible**

*Read 2 Timothy 3: 10-17*

1. What is the danger of someone leading spiritually by another way than scripture?  
Mark 12: 24

2. Why are these two things so important?
3. What are the conditions according to 2 Timothy 2: 15 for someone who wants to work for the Lord?
4. Why is this a vital condition when you want to work for the Lord?
5. What practical steps can one take to get to know the word of God better?
6. Which technological other resources are there that we can use to get to know the Bible better?
7. Why will those that teach be judged harsher? James 3: 1
8. Further Reading:
  - 1 John 1: 1-3. He is the Word and the Life
  - Acts 4: 29. Preach the Word of God with complete frankness
  - 2 Timothy 3: 16-17. Use the Word Of God as it is inspired by God
  - 2 Peter 3: 15-17. Use the Word to prevent fallacy
  - Luke 6: 46-49. Build on the Word

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