

## **Bible Study, Your Congregation For God, Week 4**

### **Day: 1 Discipline In The House**

*Read Matthew 7: 24-29*

1. Write down some guidelines on how to discipline children in the correct way.
2. What are all the wrong ways to discipline?
3. What are the guidelines for discipline found in the following?
  - Proverbs 13:24
  - Ephesians 6:1-4
  - 1 Kings 1:6
  - Matthew 7:29
4. What do you think is the reason why children do as they please and refuse to listen to authority?
5. Why do some children grow up without any discipline or punishment?
6. Give comment about the following: Do as I say and not as I do
  - What is the reason for children's rebellion?
  - What is the result of a child growing up without and discipline or punishment?
7. Does Christ have to be drawn into the disciplining of a child? Motivate
8. Further Reading:
  - Deuteronomy 7:12-15. Prosperous descendants
  - Acts 11:13-14. Salvation for the family
  - Acts 16:30-34. God blesses a family
  - Matthew 19:13-15. Jesus calls the little children
  - Proverbs 22:6, 20:7, 29:17. Guidelines from God

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### **Day: 2 Live Isolated**

*Read Corinthians 6:14-7:1*

1. What is Paul warning us against?
2. What is God's promise to us?

3. What is the prerequisite for this promise?
4. Read James 4:4. Why does a Christian have to isolate himself or herself from the world?
5. What are the ways the world is trying to draw us away from God?
6. What is the essence of Jesus' prayer for His followers? John 17:14-19
7. How is it possible to be in the world but not of the world? Galatians 5:16 Romans 12:2
8. What can we, as Christians, do to have a bigger impact on the world?
9. Further Reading:
  - 1 John 2:15-17.                      What does the world look like?
  - Colossians 3:5-10.                      Sanctification
  - Colossians 3:1-4.                      A new focus
  - Luke 19:1-10.                      A friend of sinners

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### **Day: 3 Are Your Clothes Clean?**

*Read Exodus 40: 30-33*

1. What do we learn from the symbolism of the placement of the washbasin and what does it mean to us?
2. What did the people have to do to prepare themselves for the presence of God?  
Exodus 19:9-12
3. What can we do to place ourselves in an honest self-examination in front of God's light?
4. What did God show the people when they subjected themselves to self-examination? Isaiah 7:3-11
5. Name some of the so-called "little" sins in the lives of Christians.
6. Which sins are "accepted" or "ignored" in our society?
7. Why is it that certain things are sins to some Christians while others see nothing wrong in it?
8. What is the result of sin in a person's life?

## 9. Further Reading:

- Matthew 6:19-21. The sin of materialism
- James 4:5-10. The sin of pride
- James 4:13-17. The sin of neglect and doing nothing
- 2 Samuel 6:1-15. God is holy
- Hebrews 13:1-6. Life clean and right

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## Day: 4 The Results Of Sin

*Read 1 John 5: 1-5*

1. What is the definition of sin?
2. What do the following say about sin?
  - 1 John 5:3-4
  - James 4:17
  - John 3:36
  - Romans 14:23
3. What was the result of sin in the following?
  - Saul? (1 Samuel 13:13-14)
  - David? (2 Samuel 12:13-14)
  - The Israelites? (Numbers 14:26-35)
4. What does sin do to our relationship with?
  - God? Isaiah 59:1-2
  - Our neighbours? Romans 16:17-18
5. What happens if someone persists in sin? What does Romans 2:5-11 say about it?
6. How does one commit the unforgivable sin? Matthew 12:31-32
7. What are God's prerequisites for forgiving our sins?
8. What can a Christian do not to have any sins any more?
9. Further Reading:
  - 1 Kings 11:1-11. The result of Solomon's sin
  - Romans 1:24-32. Another sin (How do you personally feel)

- Psalm 32:1-5. Confession of sins
- Ezekiel 18:27-32. Convert yourself
- Romans 3:21-28. Acquitted out of mercy

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### **Day: 5 Purified By Fire**

*Read 1 Peter 1: 3-9*

1. What is fire the symbol of according to the Bible?
2. Why do Christians have to be refined by fire?
  - 1 Peter 1:6-7
  - James 1:1-4
3. If Jesus died for our sins already, why do we still have to go through this process of purification, refining and cleansing?
4. Does this refining ever stop here on earth?
5. In which ways does God speak to us about sin?
6. What is the wrong way to react to God speaking to you about sin?
7. What is the right way to react when God speak to us about sin?
8. Think about a time when God was speaking to you through difficulties.
9. Further Reading:
  - Malachi 3:1-5. Purified like silver
  - Hebrews 12:4-12. God disciplines those He loves
  - Psalm 34:12-23. The Lord is always close
  - 1 Peter 1:13-16. Be Holy

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### **Day: 6 Holiness That Shines**

*Read Romans 12*

1. What does it mean to live a holy life?

- Romans 12:1-2
- 2 Corinthians 3:18
- Matthew 5:16
- Galatians 5:22-23

2. What is the connection between obedience and a holy life?

- 1 Peter 1:14-16
- John 14:21

3. How does one grow in holiness?

- Galatians 5:16-18
- 1 John 3:8-9

4. Name ways that Satan uses to dim our lights?

5. Name examples of hypocrisy.

6. What does Jesus say about hypocrisy? Matthew 23:25-28

7. Further Reading:

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| • Ephesians 4:20-32.   | Life as a new person    |
| • Malachi 2:11-16.     | Life clean and holy     |
| • Malachi 3:16-18.     | Stand out in this world |
| • Luke 18:9-14.        | Be humble               |
| • Deuteronomy 30:5-10. | Complete dedication     |

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### **Day: 7 Repent**

*Read Revelations 2: 1-7*

1. Think about the main points of your conversion
2. Is conversion something that only has to happen to you once?
3. What does Revelations 2: 1-7 say about it?
4. If Go is coming for you tonight are you 100% sure you are going to heaven?
5. Getting there, who will have to thank for your conversion?
6. When you get there, who will thank you for their conversion?

7. Who are you not sure of and will you be worried about that is still living?
8. What can you do to bring someone to salvation?
9. What can your care group do to bring someone to salvation?
10. How can one use the Christmas holiday period to bring people to conversion and salvation?

11. Further Reading:

- Ezekiel 18:25-32. Convert yourself
- John 15:2-5. Bear new fruit
- Luke 15:1-7. Jesus receives sinners
- Luke 15:8-10. Seek that which is lost
- Luke 15:11-32. The two lost sons