

Bible Studies: Week 4 – A Firm Foundation

Personal Bible Studies

Day: 1

The Promise

Read Isaiah 7: 14, 9: 1-6, 11: 1-16

1. We find many prophecies in the Old Testament showing to the coming of Jesus as the Messiah. The passages you have just read are some of them. Even though these prophecies were for the time they were made they also pointed at the coming of the Messiah. What are the aspects of Jesus that are shown in these passages?
2. In Isaiah 9: 1 the coming of the Messiah is linked to the misery the people experienced on the government level as well as spiritual. What is the meaning of the promise of a Child for this nation?
3. What will be the most important feature be of the coming of the Messiah? (See Isaiah 11: 1 and compare with Isaiah 11: 2)
4. What is the meaning of Isaiah 11: 6-9a?
5. What is the message of Isaiah 11: 10?
6. What does this piece of scripture means to you personally?

Day: 2

The One that was coming

Read Mat. 1: 18-25, Luke 1: 26-38, 2: 25-40

1. Pay attention to the names given to the Lord Jesus Christ. What is the message in it for you?
2. What was going to be Jesus' special position?
3. What does it say to you as far as your daily life goes?
4. What does the salvation means to you? What does it brings you?
5. What do you understand by "This child marks both the failure and the recovery of many in Israel?"
6. Is it possible to be neutral toward Jesus?
7. Where do you stand? Explain your answer.
8. How do others see you concerning this matter?

Day: 3

The Man that has meaning

Read John 6:22-59

1. Jesus call Himself “the bread of life” What is the important truth He wants to reveal by that?
2. What is the meaning of verse 35-40 for your salvation and your beliefs?
3. How will summarize verse 41-59? To what do these verses point?
4. What is the important meaning of this for you?

Day: 4

Does this offend you?

Read John 6:22-59

1. Why did some say Jesus’ words are “hard?” What was their real problem?
2. Jesus stated His case very clearly and radical. This meant that many turned away from Him. Is His case still being stated in the same way today? If not, what is the result?
3. Peter made a very special confession. What is it and what is the meaning of it? Think about it for a while.
4. How would you like to describe Jesus taking into account yesterday’s and today’s questions? Considering the answers and the Scriptures, how can it be summarized?

Day: 5

A new life

Read Luke 23: 33-49, 24: 1-12, Col. 3:1

1. How would you describe Jesus’ actions on the cross?
2. What should the meaning of Jesus’ resurrection be to the church?
3. What does it really mean to you?
4. What is the meaning of the Ascension for you personally and for the church in general?

Day: 6

A special job of building

Read Pet. 2:1-10

1. What is Peter referring to in verse 4?
2. What is the meaning of verse 5?
3. Why is Christ “precious” to the believers? What is the honor the believers share?
4. What is the meaning of this piece of Scripture to our conviction of salvation? Why is it important for our conviction that we are saved?
5. What is the meaning of Jesus in the following “Look! I’m setting a stone in Zion, a cornerstone in the place of honor” to the believer?
6. Take special note of the description of the “Church” of Jesus Christ in verse 9 and 10. Do we still make enough of what we are or rather of what we are supposed to be?

In the group study we'll get it from a whole new view point.
Group Bible Study For Week 4

Two becomes one when built on the same foundation

Read Ephesians 2L 11-22

Verse 11: in time past *were* in *the* flesh (born as sinners)

Verse 14: He tore down the wall we used to keep each other at a distance. (Differences between all the nations)

Verse 15: Instead of continuing with two groups of people separated by centuries of animosity and suspicion, he created a new kind of human being, a fresh start for everybody. (Gentiles and Jews now followed Jesus, should still be following Him as if one)

Verse 16: Christ brought us together through his death on the Cross (Jew and Gentile one in Jesus)

Verse 18: and have equal access to the Father (through Jesus)

Verse 20: He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation (Built on their preaching and testimony)

with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone (The most important stone. The stone giving support. Jesus supports the church)

Verse 22: We see it taking shape day after day--a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home. (By the Holy Spirit living in us)

1. What is the position of the person that is "without Christ?" (Verse 11-12) when is someone "without Christ?"
2. What does Jesus Christ mean to man? (Verse 13-18) What does He mean to you? (Give every person a turn to answer)
3. What do Christian believers of all different backgrounds and different cultures have in common? (2: 8-10 compared to 13 and 18)
4. What is the position of "You belong here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone" for you and your congregation?
5. Seen in context what does it mean that Jesus is the "Cornerstone" of the building the believers are building? How does it involve our conviction of salvation?
6. What are the conclusions that can be drawn from this? What does it mean for the unity of the church?
7. How does your congregation appear? Do you have the characteristics of a congregation that has been busy "Building" or not? If not what can be done about it?