

Bible Study Week 9

Personal Bible Study Week 9

Day: 1

Read 2 Corinthians 8: 1 - 15

1. What is this piece about?
2. What is the beautiful testimony is given about the congregation in Macedonia?
3. The testimony is given in spite of the fact that they were in certain circumstances, what were those circumstances? How do those circumstances compare to our circumstances?
4. On what does Paul base his request of generosity in the offerings when he speaks to the Corinthians? What is the example in it for us?
5. What is the connection between generosity in your offerings and your spiritual growth? In which does this play a role in the building of the congregation?

Day: 2

Read 2 Corinthians 9: 1-15

1. What do we have to think of when we bring our offerings?
2. How do we have to calculate our tithe?
3. What can we expect God's reaction to be when we are generous in our offerings?
4. What is the use of giving your tithe or offering?
5. What is the position in your life?

Day: 3

Read 2 Corinthians 12: 19 - 13: 13

1. Paul is afraid that the conditions in Corinth may not be as it should be. What is the position as far as Corinth goes, closely inspect them. How does it compare to your congregation?
2. What is the reason for Paul's threat to act strictly against them and what gives him the authority to do so?
3. Paul suggests an answer that will solve the problems in Corinth, what is it?
4. What are all the things that Paul is praying for?
5. Do you have the qualities he mentions? Are you striving to acquire them? What do you think will happen if all the members of your congregation lived they way Paul wants them to according to chapter 13 verse 11?

Day: 4

Read Colossians 3: 12 - 17

1. The virtues are brought out clearly in this piece. Compare it to you and your congregation's lives. Think about it and consider it in great detail.
2. Do you think these virtues can actually apply and happen in your congregation? What can stop it from happening?
3. What is the most important virtue here?
4. What does Paul mean when he says in Col 3:16 "Let the Word of Christ--the Message--have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing; sing your hearts out to God?"
5. Do you think this song is applied in this way in your congregation?
6. Have you made verse 17 your ideal and your motto yet?

Day: 5

Read Psalm 33

1. "Ps. 33:1 Good people, cheer GOD! Right-living people sound best when praising."
2. What does it mean to be "good people" and "right-living people?"
3. The writer names different things he is praising God for, what is it?
4. "Ps. 33:12 Blessed is the country with GOD for God; blessed are the people he's put in his will." The truth mentioned in this verse is one of the biggest reasons why the congregation should praise God. Do you think that we realize that truth enough? Do the members of the congregation really appreciate what it means to have God as our God and to be His heirs?

Day: 6

Revelations 5

1. "Rev 5:9 And they sang a new song: Worthy! Take the scroll, open its seals. Slain! Paying in blood, you bought men and women, Bought them back from all over the earth, Bought them back for God" Who is the One to whom the new song is sung?
2. What is the content of the song and what does it mean?
3. Take note of how the Lamb is praised in verse 12-13. Do you think that the average believer can truly in all honesty sing such a song.
4. Do we have enough understanding and dedication to sing this song? Explain our answer.
5. What can move the congregation to the point where we, as a congregation, can sing Christ's praises in such a way?

Group Bible Study For Week 9

Read: Ephesians 5

Verse 1: Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents.

As God's children we have to watch what he does and become like Him more and more. We must become one with His nature, becoming like Him more and more.

Verse 2: Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.

Everything we do must be done with love, it should show love, it must be controlled by love. Notice how important love is in the life of a believer.

Verse 6: Don't let yourselves get taken in by religious smooth talk. God gets furious with people who are full of religious sales talk but want nothing to do with him.

Verse 15: So watch your step. Use your head

Live strictly to the rules. This is the word of God for the Christian.

Verse 16: Make the most of every chance you get. These are desperate times!

Make the best of every opportunity you get.

Verse 18: Don't drink too much wine. That cheapens your life. Drink the Spirit of God, huge draughts of him.

1. This verse stands in relation to verse 17. It means that it is unwise to get drunk from wine while you should be filled with the Holy Spirit. It opposes the pagan rituals where wine was used to get into a trance while the Holy Spirit brings true spirituality and gladness.
2. Describe the lifestyle that suits a follower of God?
3. How does the lifestyle of your congregation compare to that?
4. Is the division between believers and unbelievers visible?
5. Does Ephesians 5: 3-4 means that a Christian writer should not give a true picture of life as it is?
6. If so, what is the norm he has to keep in mind that should rule his writing?
7. What does Paul mean with? "Make the most of every chance you get."
8. How can it happen in your personal life and in the life of your congregation?
9. What is meant with: "Don't drink too much wine. That cheapens your life. Drink the Spirit of God, huge draughts of him."
10. What does it mean to "Drink the Spirit of God, huge draughts of him?"

11. What is the role that the song should play in the church service?
12. Discuss the following: How does deception enter the church through the song?