

Bible Studies continued:

Day Three: Luke 10:25-37

2. Like the priest and the Levite, have you ever withheld mercy, thus failing to live up to your identity as a Christian? If someone in need is remarkably different from you, are you less apt to provide help? Consider the courage and altruism of the Samaritan. When have you acted similarly? Ask the Lord to remove prejudices and barriers from your life so that, for the sake of His kingdom, you can be freer to engage those who are different from you.

Day Four: John 1:43-51

1. What did Jesus say to Philip (43)? What did Philip say about Jesus to Nathanael (45)? How did Nathanael respond (46)? Why? How did Jesus challenge Nathanael's assumption (47-48)? Did this cause Nathanael to change his belief about Jesus (49)? What did Jesus say in reaction to Nathanael's new opinion of him (50-51)? Picture what it looks like for heaven to open and for angels to surround Christ.
2. How do you demonstrate obedience to Jesus' command to follow Him? How have you grown in your understanding of who He is? Do you follow Philip's model by telling others about Jesus? When has the Lord surprised you with His glory? Have you ever been proven wrong when you doubted someone's abilities because of their socioeconomic background? What can you do this week to show others that the power of Christ in your life trumps past mistakes, a humble background, or challenging circumstances?

Day Five: John 14:5-14

1. What did Thomas ask Jesus (5)? What was Jesus' reply (6-7)? What did Philip fail to understand (7-8)? How are Jesus and the Father connected (9-11)? Beyond taking Jesus at His word, how else are we able to believe (11)? How do we benefit from Jesus' ascension to be with the Father (12-14)? What do you consider to be greater works than that of Jesus?
2. Do you know anyone who struggles to believe that Jesus is the only way to God? How might you be able to share this passage in order to make a compelling case for what you believe? Have you witnessed or been part of doing greater works than Christ? Do you struggle to believe this is possible? Do your prayers reflect a life that is aligned with the concerns of Jesus? Pray that God would use you to work miracles so that others would come to believe in Him.

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I. A missionary is someone who...

II. The way of a missionary

A. Detonation: Blowing up the boxes that people put you in. (Acts 17.17-18)

B. Identification: Connecting with people who are different than you.
(Acts 17.22-23)

C. Navigation: Showing people the way to God. (Acts 17.24-28)

D. Ramification: Revealing the challenge of Jesus. (Acts 17.19-31)

1. What will the messenger do (1)? Who is the messenger (1)? What will the Lord do (1)? What does the covenant refer to (1)? Are the messenger and the Lord the same person? What is the answer to the rhetorical questions posed in verse 2? What does the Lord compare spiritual purification to (2-3)? How are the offerings described in verses 3-4? Who will the Lord testify against (5)?
2. Are there sins in your life requiring the purification of a refiner's fire? What might that process look like and how can you prepare for it? How can you help someone else prepare? Do you see yourself in the list against whom the Lord will testify? If so, how can you realign your actions to become more holy? Is God calling you to combat any societal ill that is mentioned in this list?

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Day Two: Matthew 25:31-46

1. What will it look like when the Son of Man returns (31-32)? How will He separate the people (32-33)? What will happen to the righteous (34, 46)? Why (35-36, 40)? Why do you think Jesus presents himself to us in such a hidden way? What will happen to the cursed (41, 46)? Why (42, 45)? What do you picture eternal punishment to look like? What about eternal life?
2. How much of what is described in verses 35-36 have you done? Is it obvious that you are serving Jesus when you serve those in need? Why or why not? In regards to helping others, which is the greater motivator: your love for the Lord or your desire to avoid hell? Why? Ask the Holy Spirit to give you courage and resolve to consistently better serve those in need.

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1. What did the law expert ask Jesus (25)? How did Jesus reply (26)? What commandments did the man list (27)? What further question did he ask (29)? Why do you think he was eager to justify himself? In Jesus' story, what happened to the man (30)? What did the priest and the Levite do for the man (31-32)? Why? What did the Samaritan do (33-35)? Why? How did the social status of the Samaritan compare to that of the priest and the Levite? What is the mark of a true neighbor (37)? Do you think the law expert heeded Jesus' advice to "go and do likewise?" Why or why not?

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Bible Studies As A Follow-Up To This Week's Sermon

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