

Go: Outside

LifeGroup Lesson ~ June 18, 2017

OPENING PRAYER: *Have one person in your group read this prayer.*

"For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth." So often we read your words too quickly, dear God. We rarely let them sink into our hearts and our minds. Grant us a few moments now, Lord, to find one or two words in this short verse that speak to us. Let us find a thought that encourages us, a spiritual jewel that we can turn over in our minds to see how it sparkles and shines. Speak to us through your word. Amen.

--Based on Psalm 71:5

BREAKING THE ICE:

- What did you agree/disagree with the LifeTalk this week?
- If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:¹

As Christ followers, we all are on a mission to serve in this world. In this LifeGroup lesson we will study different scriptures that highlight our role in missions.

Jeremiah 1:4-10 – The Call to Serve God

- What is Jeremiah's initial reaction to God's call? How do you think he felt? How does God respond?
- How does this scripture pertain to your life?
- How does the Lord communicate with you? Are God's plans for you always clear: sometimes or never?
- Share a time in your life where you knew God was calling you to something?

John 21:15-19

- What jumped out at you in this story?
- Why do you think Jesus repeated the same question and command to Peter three times?
 - How is Peter supposed to demonstrate his love and loyalty to Jesus now?
 - If Jesus asked you the same question, how would you respond?
- In light of John 10:15, what would Jesus' shepherd image mean to Peter?
- 'Take care of my sheep.' If Jesus said this to you what would it mean?

James 2:14-25

- What kind of faith is condemned? Where do you see this 'faith' happening today?
- What is the relationship between faith and deeds?
- Why is Abraham such a good example of faith in action? How does this story affect your life?
- In what way should the lifestyle of a Christian verify their faith?
- If you were arrested for being a Christian, what evidence would be used to prove the point?

CLOSING POSSIBILITIES:

- How will your life be different based upon what you have learned in this week's scripture, lesson and/or LifeTalk?
 - Spend time each day studying the following scriptures of those in missions or following God: Genesis 22, Matthew 25:31-46, Mark 12:28-33, Colossians 1:1-14, Mark 6:6b-13, Matthew 16:21-28, Galatians 6:1-10, Acts 1:1-8.
- How can the group pray for you this week?

MORNING PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. Faith, Lord, that you are good; that you are who you say you are and that you did what you said you'd do. Hope, Lord, that you will come again and make all things right, according to your word and your promise. Love, Lord, your love for me compels me to love one another. As I head out into a broken world, make me a person of faith, of hope and of love. Amen.

—Based on 1 Corinthians 13:13.