

Small Group & Personal Bible Study

Memory Verses: 1 Corinthians 15:57

“But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Discovery Bible Study Exercise:

In your journal or on a piece of paper make three columns and follow these steps:

- Step #1: Read 1 Corinthians 15:57
- Step #2: Re-write in your own words 1 Corinthians 15:57
- Step #3: Write down what you discover from this passage
- Step #4: What will you do to obey what this passage says?

Daily Meditation Readings:

Day 1 – 1 Corinthians 15:55-58

Day 2 – Psalm 28:6-9

Day 3 – John 14:1-14

Day 4 – John 14:15-31

Day 5 – James 1:22-25

Lesson: Relating to God

Read each of the five daily meditation passages for this week. After reading each passage, pause, reflect on the verse and answer the questions below. Then go onto the next passage.

1. How does this passage connect with my relating to God?
2. What does this passage teach me about my relationship with God?
3. How would you rate yourself in your pursuit of a love relationship with God based upon this passage?
4. What does this passage remind me I need to do?

1 Corinthians 15:55-58 & Psalm 28:6-9: Both of these passages remind me that I should trust in God. He has loved me so much that He gave me victory in Jesus Christ. I have a relationship with God because of victory through Jesus Christ. He is my strength and my shield. I have victory and salvation in His love and power. That truth should help me stand strong in my love and trust in God. The question to ask is this, “do I trust God and do I really stand firm in His victory and truth?”

John 14:1-14: This text shows me that Jesus and the Father are one. If I am connected in a love relationship with Jesus, I am in a love relationship with the Father. They are at work and plan to be with me always. I can trust in God to do great things when I have faith to believe and trust in Him. The question to ask is, “do I trust Him to do great things through me?”

John 14:15-31: Continuing on in John 14 I learn that God gives me a counselor, a guide in the Holy Spirit. He teaches me and guides me. I am connected to God through the Holy Spirit working in me and guiding me in truth. I must be sensitive to His leading in my life. I learn that through the Holy Spirit leading and working in me I can obey Jesus Christ and by doing so I show Him that I love Him. As I show Him that I love Him, He reveals Himself to me. It is an amazing cycle of how God’s love for me leads me to want to know God. As I desire to know God I will begin to trust and love God. As love God and get to know Him I want to listen to Him and obey Him. As I obey Him I will know Him even more as He reveals Himself to me. The question to ask is, “do I listen to His guidance in my life?”

James 1:22-25: In this passage we see clearly that listening to the word is not enough for someone who loves God. We must be doers of the word. Again, a love relationship with God always leads to obedience. In the Experiencing God study Henry Blackaby says, “Obedience is an outward expression of a love for God. If you have an obedience problem, you have a love problem.” The question to ask is, “do I obey what He tells me?”