

Small Group & Personal Bible Study

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Memory Verse: Psalm 46:10

“Be still and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations.

I will be exalted in the earth.”

Discovery Bible Study Exercise:

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

- Step #1: Read this week’s memory verse, Psalm 46:10
- Step #2: Re-write in your own words Psalm 46:10
- Step #3: Write down what you discover from this passage
- Step #4: What will you do to obey what this passage says?

Daily Reading Lesson:

Day 1: Psalm 46

Day 2: John 11:1-32

Day 3: John 11:33-57

Day 4: John 12:1-19

Day 5: 1 Corinthians 12:7-10

Lesson:

Review the story of Lazarus found in John 11:1-45

1. Have you ever experienced what seemed to be a silence from God? Write down what recall happened?

I experienced this during a time while I was working for OSH, my travel had increased drastically and it felt like I was never home with my family. During that experience I suffered some depression and a lot of loneliness but when everything seemed to be getting worse God drew me to Himself.

2. How did God use this experience to draw you closer to Him or to strengthen your trust in Him?
He made Himself so real and personal that I began to connect to Him closer than ever before. I memorized John 15:5 and took it to heart. I began to spend more time with God than I had ever before. I realized that I was always with Him and no matter how much I traveled or how many hours I had to work I was never alone. I found hope, joy, love and completeness in Christ alone. Then God after I drew near to Him revealed Himself in a new way again. This time in power He answered my prayer of submission and nearly removed my travel immediately. I discovered that God wanted to be my provider and help but first I must learn to trust and find contentment in Him and Him alone. That has forever changed my life.

3. What have you learned about God and His attributes through this experience?
I have learned that God is always with me, waiting for me to open my life, my heart, and my needs to Him. I learned that God desires me to humbly submit myself to Him and trust Him. His attributes I discovered through this experience include: Friend, helper, comforter, companion, all powerful, all present, someone who wants all of me.

4. Read Psalm 46: What do you learn about God from Psalm 46?
He is my refuge and strength, ever present help in time of need. He dwells with me even during times of trouble. He upholds me. He is all powerful. He is our fortress. And He wants us to be still and know that He is God. He wants us to trust Him and find peace in Him no matter what the circumstances.

5. Share with your group what you have discovered from Psalm 46:10 during your discovery Bible Study exercise shown in the box above.

Ask everyone to share. Encourage people to do the discovery study on their own. God works through us digging into His word in our quiet time. He did for me. Challenge those who may be depending too much on your teaching and leadership to study the word on their own each week. The memory verse, discovery exercise, and daily reading are great ways to begin.