

Personal Devotion and Small Group Bible Study Lesson

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Happy Easter! I hope you were inspired by Pastor Tim's Easter message today. I want to encourage you to continue in your pursuit of knowing and loving Jesus Christ.

I have found the surest way to do that is to spend time each day reading from the Bible and praying for God to reveal Himself to you.

So each week I write a study and insert it into the bulletin for each person to work through during the week. I hope you will take the time to read the scriptures in this study and write down what you discover about God and yourself and then work through the questions I have posed.

This week all of the verses I have chosen are taken from the Gospel of John and are the words spoken by Jesus Christ.

Personal Devotion Time: Discovery Bible Study

1. Each day I want you to read the verse of the day.
2. Write it down word for word to help you concentrate on the words and to remember it.
3. Think about what the verse means and then write down whatever you discover from the verse about God, Jesus or yourself.
4. Write about how you want to respond to the verse. This may become a prayer of request to God or it may be how you will obey what God is telling you to do or even what He is telling you to believe and accept.

Bible Verse of the Day (The Words of Jesus from the Gospel of John)

Day 1: John 3:16

Day 2: John 6:35

Day 3: John 7:37

Day 4: John 10:10

Day 5: John 10:11

Day 6: John 11:25

Day 7: John 14:6

Study Questions:

1. From these seven verses in the Gospel of John, what did Jesus claim is given to those who believe in Him and come to Him.

Eternal life (an escape from perishing), no longer hunger or thirst, living water flowing, fullness of life, a life that overcomes death, a way to go to the Father.

2. Which of those gifts are the most meaningful to you? Why?

Let people share, of course all of these are part of the promise of eternal life and one is not more important than another however it is a good way to share our needs. One that speaks to me is that Jesus brings fullness to life. Without Him and the promise of eternal life I can never find contentment and happiness. But with Him I experience life to it fullest.

3. Based upon these seven verses, why did Jesus come?

He came to make a way for us. John 14:6 is a clear message that He is the way to the Father. He also came to give us life, John 14:6 (along with others) make it clear that Jesus wants us to have life eternal. And he did it by giving up His life for us (John 10:11).

4. After reading these verses, what would you say it takes for a person to receive the gift of eternal life from God?

Just come to Jesus and believe! It is so simple I hope many people will do it this week. Be prepared as a group leader to confirm this truth as you may have someone in your group who has tried to make it more complicated than it needs to be. Maybe today is the day they will believe and come to Jesus.

5. One of our verses this week is from John 11:25 where Jesus says “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.” In the next verse (John 11:26) Jesus continues by saying, “and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” How would you respond to Jesus’ question, “do you believe this?”

Ask the question if some have not already spoken up.

At Evergreen Valley Church we encourage every adult to join a small group of people who meet together in homes during the week and discuss what they are discovering from the Bible and they work through this study together. If you are ready to join a small group stop by our welcome desk and pick up a list of group meetings. If you would like to host your own small group, please contact me to help you get started.

What I have discovered is that as we grow together spiritually and encourage one another through prayer and real friendships, we begin to really experience what Church is all about.