

Through The Bible In One Year

The Adventure of Many Lifetimes

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Theme: Want More of God?

Week 6 Small Group Bible Study & Sunday School Lesson

Open (Sharing our Own Stories & Getting To Know One Another)

1. Who was your best friend in childhood? 2. How did you get to know him/her? 3. Are there any important life lessons you learned with/from this person? What are they and why have they been important in your life?

Going Deeper Into God's Word Together

Read aloud Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 32:1-11; Matthew 25:31-46

Exodus: 1. Moses seeks to continue in God's favor by asking God to teach him His ways. What have you learned about God's ways that enables you to continue to find favor in God's eyes? What more would you like to learn? 2. Moses tells God that he needs His presence to be with him and the Israelites, so others may know God is pleased with them. How do people in our community know that God is in our midst (in this church body), and that He is pleased with us? 3. God tells Moses that He will grant mercy and compassion as He chooses. When/how has God shown you these qualities and you, like Moses, felt His presence?

Psalm: 1. What has David experienced that causes him to feel so blessed? 2. What did David have to do to receive the blessing? 3. How have you responded to God's deliverance of you from sin?

Matthew: 1. Jesus, speaking of judgment when He comes in the future in His glory, states that He will separate the sheep from the goats. What acts of the "sheep" will cause them to "inherit the kingdom?" 2. The king of this parable/prophesy indicates when these acts were done for the "least of these brothers," you did it for me. Who are the "least of the brothers" around us? 3. How do these actions toward the needy help us to "get" more of God?

Reflecting On What God Is Telling Us:

1. How much is God teaching you at this point in your life about His ways? _____ a great deal _____ a moderate amount _____ a small amount _____ almost nothing.
2. What actions can you take that would cause you to know more about God's ways?

Applying/Putting into Practice What God's Told Us

What person in need could you show God's love to this week?