

Through The Bible In One Year

The Adventure of Many Lifetimes

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Theme: Living Centered on God's Presevce
Week 9 Small Group Bible Study & Sunday School Lesson

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

1. What is the largest camp gathering you have ever attended? 2. What made this a memorable experience? 3. Were there any organizational factors involved in making it a good/bad experience?

Going Deeper Into God's Word Together

Read aloud Numbers 2: 1-9, 32-34; Psalm 46: 1-11; Mark 11: 15-18

Numbers: The Lord instructs Moses to: group the Israelites into their own tribes, have them gather around the Tent of Meeting at a distance, and have them travel in an ordered arrangement. What would be God's concern and purpose in such instructions? 2. Why is it significant that the Tent of Meeting and the Levites will travel in the middle of the camps? 3. Why would the Israelites' obedience to God in this matter be important to the success of their journey?

Psalm: 1. What images are used to describe God's relationship to us in times of trouble? 2. What is significant about the "holy place where the Most High dwells?" 3. What reassurance does this psalm offer believers who are suffering?

Mark: 1. Why did the buying and selling in the temple so enrage Jesus? 2. Jesus says to the gathered chief priests and teachers of the law, "Is it not written 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations?'" What meaning does this have for the Jewish leaders? For us, as his church? 3. Jesus further creates fear in the religious leaders because he tells them God's temple has been made into a 'den of robbers'. What is being taken by the robbers? Are there ways we keep people from knowing and having God in their lives?

Reflecting On What God Is Telling Us:

1. How close is God to the center of your life? ___ on the bullseye _____ on the nearby rings _____ on the outer rings _____ off the target
2. How might your life change if God were to be the center of your life on a daily basis?

Applying/Putting Into Practice What God's Told Us

What is one thing Jesus needs to "turn over" in your life this week to bring you closer to God?