

Through The Bible In One Year

The Adventure of Many Lifetimes

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Theme: 'Go Ahead, Choose - Which is Your God?'
Week 16 Small Group Bible Study & Sunday School Lesson

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

1. How do you like to spend your free time? 2. Do you like to spend it alone or with others? 3. What determines your choices?

Going Deeper Into God's Word Together

Read aloud Joshua 24.14-27; Psalm 89.1-8; Luke 18.18-33 (or 19.1-10)

Joshua: 1. What choices did the Israelites have in this section? Why is this choice important to them - or us? 2. Joshua tells the Israelites to "throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the Lord, the god of Israel." What gods do modern believers need to throw away? 3. Joshua erected a stone to remind the Israelites of their commitment to God. What reminds us of our commitment to God?

Psalm: 1. What qualities of God does the psalmist praise? 2. Why do we need to be reminded of these qualities? 3. What qualities do believers need to be in covenant with God?

Luke: 1. Short Zacchaeus climbs a fig tree in his eagerness to see Jesus. What do we need to do to see him? 2. Jesus shocks the townspeople by choosing to eat with a tax collector, a known sinner! Whom does Jesus choose today that might surprise us? 3. How does Zacchaeus show his joy about being 'chosen'? What do we see in believers that show that they, too, have welcomed Jesus and received his forgiveness?

Reflecting On What God Is Telling Us:

1. What other gods are you tempted to serve? _____work/career ____security
_____pleasure _____self _____other

2. What difference would it make in your life if God were the only one you served?

Applying/Putting Into Practice What God's Told Us

Whom can you invite this week to know Jesus better?