

Through The Bible In One Year

The Adventure of Many Lifetimes

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Theme: What God Cannot Bear

Week 17 Small Group Bible Study & Sunday School Lesson

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

1. What are some things children do that cause parents to feel anger or sadness? 2. What actions of children cause parents joy? 3. How can Christian parents encourage their children to behave in positive ways?

Going Deeper Into God's Word Together

Read aloud Judges 10.6-16; Psalm 100; Luke 24.13-35

Judges: 1. What are the consequences for the Israelites (and us) for turning to other gods? 2. What gods are we tempted to turn to when we're in trouble? 3. God acts when he can no longer bear the Israelites' misery. What actions can believers take to relieve other people in pain?

Psalm: 1. What reasons does the psalmist have for giving thanks to the Lord? 2. How are joy and thanks to God expressed in our worship services? 3. What is our relationship to God, as expressed in this psalm?

Luke: 1. The two travelers do not recognize Jesus until he breaks bread with them. What meaning does this give to the taking of communion? 2. The two men ask each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us when he talked with us on the road and opened our hearts to scripture?" Why does discussing and understanding scripture have this power? 3. What change occurs in the two men when they 'realize' Jesus? How could non-believers at our worship services tell that Jesus was in our midst?

Reflecting On What God Is Telling Us:

1. Where are you in your walk with Jesus now? _____very close _____growing _____up and down _____slipping
2. What might cause you to be at a distance from Jesus?

Applying/Putting Into Practice What God's Told Us

What step can you take this week to know Jesus better?