

# Through The Bible In One Year

## The Adventure of Many Lifetimes

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**Theme: How to Live Truly Alive**  
**Week 20 Small Group Bible Study & Sunday School Lesson**

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

1. If you won ten million dollars in the lottery, how would you spend it? 2. What one item or activity would you want in abundance? 3. How would this material abundance change your life?

### Going Deeper Into God's Word Together

**Read aloud 1 Samuel 24.1-12; Psalm 116.1-9; John 11.21-27, 33-45.**

Samuel: 1. David and his men happen to be in the very cave in which Saul chooses to relieve himself. Is there any evidence of God at work here? 2. What is the significance of the cut piece of Saul's robe? Why does David feel such remorse for having cut it? 3. David is being pressured by others to exact revenge on Saul, but he resists. What actions/thoughts will God honor if we find ourselves in a similar situation?

Psalm: 1. Why does the psalmist love the Lord? 2. In what ways has the Lord shown his compassion? 3. What does it mean to walk without stumbling before the Lord in the land of the living?

John: 1. Martha doesn't understand Jesus' delay in coming to save her brother. How can we maintain our faith when answers to our prayers seem slow in coming or seem to be unanswered? 2. Jesus tells Martha he is 'the resurrection and the life.' What does that mean for believers? 3. What actions or words of Jesus cause bystanders at Lazarus' tomb to become believers? How can we help others to become believers?

### Reflecting On What God Is Telling Us:

1. How abundant is your life right now? \_\_\_\_\_overflowing \_\_\_\_\_moderately full  
\_\_\_\_\_fairly empty
2. How would it change your life if it were to become spiritually abundant each and every day?

### Applying/Putting Into Practice What God's Told Us

What actions will you take this week to demonstrate your faith in Jesus as the giver of the "abundant life?"