

Through The Bible In One Year

The Adventure of Many Lifetimes

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Theme: The Inclusive Exclusivity of God (And Christians)
Week 24 Small Group Bible Study & Sunday School Lesson

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

1. What are some popular groups or clubs that have exclusive memberships? 2. What attracts people to these groups? 3. What impact would it have on the club/group to have an 'open' membership?

Going Deeper Into God's Word Together

Read aloud 1 Kings 18.21-39; Psalm 130.1-8; Acts 11.1-18

1 Kings: 1. What is Elijah's purpose in setting up the competition with the prophets of Baal? 2. Why is Elijah's prayer to God so effective? 3. Where do we see God's power at work in the world today?

Psalm: 1. Why is the Lord to be 'feared'? 2. What gives the psalmist (and us) hope? 3. What situations cause believers to cry out to God for mercy?

Acts: 1. What convinces the uncircumcised believers to accept the Gentiles as fellow-believers? 2. Why does God speak to Peter three times? 3. Why is the Holy Spirit viewed as a 'gift'? What difference does he make in a believer's life?

Reflecting On What God Is Telling Us:

1. What other gods compete with God for your time and attention? _____self _____work
_____recreation _____possessions _____money.
2. What do you need to do to make God your only god?

Applying/Putting Into Practice What God's Told Us

Whom can you tell this week about exclusive/inclusive God?