

Through The Bible In One Year

The Adventure of Many Lifetimes

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Theme: The Power of Godly Vision

Week 32 Small Group Bible Study & Sunday School Lesson

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

1. As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? 2. What people or events influenced that choice? 3. To what extent did you realize that choice as an adult?

Going Deeper Into God's Word Together

Read aloud Nehemiah 1.1-4, 8-2.5; Psalm 30.1-12; 1 Corinthians 3.5-17.

Nehemiah: 1. Nehemiah shows great compassion and concern for the people of his faith. What Christians in the world today need our help and prayers? 2. What prepared Nehemiah to receive the vision of repairing Jerusalem's walls? How can Christians, also, prepare for possible God-given visions? How can they be sure the visions are from God? 3. What qualities do Christians need to possess to find favor with others who may be able to help carry out that vision? What personal qualities did Nehemiah possess?

Psalm: 1. What reasons does David have for praising God? 2. How does it feel when God 'hides his face'? When does God do that? 3. How does God then turn our 'wailing into dancing'?

1 Corinthians: 1. According to Paul, how are leaders of the church to be regarded, by themselves and others? 2. What is the 'fire' that will test the quality of each man's work? (vs. 13) What would make the 'work' more likely to survive this test? 3. How are Christians to treat the sacred temple of themselves and of other Christians? What behaviors would indicate God's will in this?

Reflecting On What God Is Telling Us:

1. How firmly is your 'foundation' built upon Jesus Christ? _____rock solid _____a few cracks _____shaky _____crumbling
2. What steps can you take to come to know Jesus better and experience his power in your life? (Prayer, Bible study, small group discussions?)

Applying/Putting Into Practice What God's Told Us

What is one way this week that God's power and purpose in your life could be used to help another?