

Through The Bible In One Year

The Adventure of Many Lifetimes

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Theme: The Chore God Really Hates To Do (The Alien Work Of God)

Week 44 Small Group Bible Study & Sunday School Lesson

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

1. What chores were you responsible for as a child? 2. Which one did you really dislike? Why? 3. Why did your parents want you to do your chores? Why will you or do you give chores to your children?

Going Deeper Into God's Word Together

Read aloud Lamentations 3.19-33; Psalm 102.1-11; Hebrews 2. 14-18.

Lamentations: 1. What is the writer's sad complaint? What situation brought about these feelings? 2. Though God does 'not willingly bring affliction or grief,' why would God let his children grieve and suffer? 3. What qualities does God possess that gives the writer of these verses (and all Christians) hope in suffering?

Psalm: 1. What problems is the psalmist lamenting to God? 2. What does he want from God? 3. How can God's 'great wrath' be consistent with a loving God?

Hebrews: 1. How does fear of death affect a person's life? What can or does change when a person is freed from the bondage of that fear? 2. Why did God need to become human in order to free us from that fear? 3. What does it mean for a believer to know that Jesus is his brother and faithful, high priest?

Reflecting On What God Is Telling Us:

1. In what area of your life is God bringing his loving discipline? _____ family
_____ finances _____ work _____ friends _____ spiritual life.

2. In what ways does it help you to know that Jesus understands and cares about your suffering?

Applying/Putting Into Practice What God's Told Us

What can you do to extend God's loving care to someone this week?