

Through The Bible In One Year

The Adventure of Many Lifetimes

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Theme: Jump In The River! (God's Great River Of Grace)
Week 47 Small Group Bible Study & Sunday School Lesson

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

1. What is your favorite body of water? Why? 2. What are some of the positive benefits of being in or near water? 3. What is your favorite Bible story involving water? Why?

Going Deeper Into God's Word Together

Read aloud Ezekiel 47.1-12; Psalm 118.19-29; 1 Peter 3.15-4.5.

Ezekiel: 1. What is the significance of the water getting deeper? What could this symbolize? 2. Ezekiel was guided into the deeper water. What guides Christians today into deeper faith? 3. What is the 'sanctuary' the water flows from? How are Christians like the trees that are nourished by the 'sanctuary water'?

Psalm: 1. How may people enter the 'gates of righteousness'? 2. Why would knowing that 'this is the day the Lord has made' bring rejoicing? 3. How do Christians experience God's 'light shining upon' them?

Peter: 1. What kind of 'witness' should Christians give? 2. What part does suffering play in the life of a believer? 3. What are some behaviors Christians give up once they have been baptized in the living waters of God's grace? Why are these changes needed?

Reflecting On What God Is Telling Us:

1. How deep are you in the 'water of faith'? _____ankle deep _____knee deep _____chest deep _____completely covered.
2. What do you need to do to go deeper in your faith?

Applying/Putting Into Practice What God's Told Us

With whom can you share the good news of the life-giving water of God's grace?