

LIGHTHOUSE GROUP CURRICULUM

Jerimiah 17:5-14

LEADER'S STUDY

The Kingdom of God is unshakeable:

God's kingdom is built on the unshakeable foundation of His character. He is unchanging, perfect, holy, merciful and just. His kingdom is the same. Knowing the character of God and placing our trust in Him, obeying Him is the only place there is real hope. Not just for the future but for today. When we encounter trials, success, change or tragedy, hope that is built on the character of the unchanging God is secure. God knows our hearts and yet he loves us with perfect love because of His grace and the work of Jesus on our behalf. The natural outflow of this knowledge of God can only result in loving obedience to Him. A life of worship that honors our savior. When you trusted Jesus as your forgiver and leader you became a citizen of the Kingdom of God, today and forever. That hope can not be shaken. As you read and study God's character in his word, take time to rejoice in the fact that you are His.

As you study, ask yourself questions like this. What do I believe about God's character? What does scripture say about His character? Are there differences in what I believe and what Scripture says? Am I living a life of worship to God? Am I taking refuge in Him? What response is God calling me to today based on His word? How is God inviting me to follow Him? How is God changing my thinking? Be willing to share areas that He is calling you to "follow Him" and make clear I statements about how you are going to align with Him.

Some helpful scripture: Ps 2, Rev 2, Isaiah 30:18, Psalm 146, Phil 4:4-9
What other places in scripture speak this same truth?

How is God calling you to think and to live differently? How does this change your perspective today? How is God calling you to respond based on this scripture? Spend some time reading this whole chapter and meditating on it as you prepare for your meeting. Be willing to share this with your group and invite them to join you in sharing how God is asking them to respond to His word.

PREPARING BEFORE GROUP

PURPOSE: Life transformation through the Holy Spirit. He uses scripture and prayer to renew our minds and transform our lives!

PRAY: Pray for the people in your groups by name. Spend time asking the Holy Spirit to help you lead well as you meditate on key passages and seek to know God's heart.

PLAN: This week plan on spending some time talking about the "reaching our cities" initiative that is happening on the 27th of this month at Lighthouse. This is for anyone who wants to go out into Findlay and pray for people and have gospel conversations with them. If you haven't done it yet, Take about 3 minutes and 30 seconds to watch the two videos linked in this email with your groups this week and talk about joining in with the team on the 27th.

Looking Ahead: Take some time to discuss the future of your group. What are you planning on doing for the spring semester? Who is missing from your group that needs to be a part of it? Who is there that is ready to go and lead their own group that can impact more people by studying God's word together? What are the needs of your group? You are the shepherd of your group. Know your people and what this season looks like for them. Be sure to communicate to Matt Smith what your group is planning for the spring semester by the 21st

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INTENTIONAL BIBLE READING

READ Jerimiah 17:5-14

Read in the ESV or similar word-for-word translation.

Read it again in the NLT to get a thought-for-thought perspective.

(With larger portions of scripture like this, it's good for multiple people to read it aloud. Especially online, this helps people get used to using their voice)

Try to summarize the passage in your own words.

STUDY QUESTIONS

What seems to be the main point of these verses?

What is significant, surprising or confusing from these verses?

What did you discover or learn about God and His character from this passage?

How does this portion of scripture point to Jesus and the gospel?

Consider the perspectives of all the parties involved in this passage. Ask yourself why they responded the way they did.

How does this scripture change your thinking?

Why did God bring me to this scripture today?

What parts of this passage are challenging to your current way of thinking?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How are you going to obey this passage?

What is your “I will” statement?
(Encourage everyone to steer clear of “we” or “us” or “Christians” statements)

With whom are you going to share what you have learned?
(This is a critical part of growth that is often overlooked. If we can share it with someone else it means we really understand it, it cements it in our own minds, it makes us accountable to the truth and it blesses the one who hears the it. Rom 10:17)

Based on this passage, what can we pray about and how should we pray?