

Study Guide - Philip D Cameron from 8-26-2018

Key Scriptures: “So they said, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.’ **Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.** And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Acts 16:31-33

- Ephesians 2:8-9 “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”
- 1 Corinthians 3:11 “For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”
- Joshua 24:15 “And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

Start Talking:

- Philip Cameron said, “God values family more than money.” Think about all of the people you know and what keeps them busy. For most, is it the pursuit of money or family? Share.
- In Acts 16: 31-33, was the family of the prison keeper saved because they were part of his family, or because they heard the word of God and believed? Discuss.
- How would it make you feel if the members of your family began getting saved in great numbers? Are you willing to share the gospel with them now?
- Are you willing to believe God for the salvation of your family, even if they have had a terrible history of sin and rebellion against God?

Start Thinking:

- Political correctness in our day opposes people boldly proclaiming their faith in the Lord. Joshua said in Joshua 24:15, “And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served

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that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” Are you willing to be politically incorrect and boldly proclaim the ways of the Lord for your family? Are you ready for the backlash from the culture surrounding you? How will you deal with criticism against yourself and your children? Discuss.

- How does a family “serve the Lord” these days? Is it different than in the days of Joshua?

Start Sharing:

- Philip Cameron said that many people will defend their kitchen more than their family. Do you think that Christians today pray for and witness to their extended families as much as they should? Where could you start?
- How do you explain how someone can hear the scriptures over and over for years and years and not get saved, and at another time, someone can pick up one piece of paper between salt and pepper shakers, and immediately give their life to the Lord and be saved? How can this happen?

Start Praying:

- “Lord, help us see that you put us in certain families to be related to certain people, and show us how we can be a light to them. Give us the courage to see the importance of being your beacons on our hilltops. We are willing to be used by You, regardless of what people think of us. Give us faith. In the Name of Jesus. Amen.”

Start Doing:

- How does it make you feel that you are not only saved individually, but are also now part of God’s family - brothers and sisters with all of God’s children? Does this matter to you? Should it?
- Philip Cameron said that the girls that came out of human trafficking are now the missionaries to those who are what they once were. Are you actively ministering to others who are going

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through what you once went through? Are you willing to pray that the Lord will lead you to a place so that you can do this?