

CELL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
“Knowledge of God That Changes Life”
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Text: Matthew 17:14-20

Context of passage: The incident recorded in Matthew 17:14-20 happened after the transfiguration incident and as the disciples were descending the mountain. The disciples would have followed Jesus for some time by that time and would have learnt many things eg on how to pray. But in the incident described in the passage, their prayers did not seem to work.

- It is easy but dangerous to follow activities without a genuine relationship with Christ.
- Life without a relationship with God will be about rules and regulations.
- One then becomes a modern day Pharisees- always judging, no show of compassion, going after the law and rules. Eg How do we normally react when someone is in sin.
- Instead of following Christ we follow rules and regulations.
- Christianity is not just about knowing but about believing in God.
- Christian life is something so difficult that none of us can live it by ourselves, but yet so simple when we allow Christ to live through us.
- Until we get personal in Christ, Christianity will just be a practice.

When God live in us, our lives change.

1. Not how long we have been with Jesus, but how we have asked Jesus to come into our lives.
2. The second step is to ask Jesus to be the master of our lives. To invite the Holy Spirit of God to live in us. Surrender our lives to the Lord. Walk with Him moment by moment.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. If you have accepted Christ as your Saviour and Lord, share with your cell when you first made that commitment to follow Jesus and not just have a head knowledge of Jesus.
2. Share with the group an experience which helped you to move beyond rules and regulations to draw closer to Christ: not being religious but really following Christ! OR
3. Share one area which you have learnt to surrender to God or in the process of learning to surrender to God or which you would want to surrender to God.
4. Encourage one another by sharing the changes you see in each other's life which show God's transforming grace.