

Building Blocks of Faith

Episode #2 - History of Methodism

1. What do you know of the origins of the Lutheran, Baptist, Presbyterian, or Anglican churches?
2. What kinds of life / developmental / personality issues or traits would a child experience in a family of 19 children, with a father who would not back down even if his house were set on fire?
3. Have there been times when church became stale, and that you needed to seek God a deeper and more personal level? What have you done in those situations?
4. How do you respond to the thought that the Methodists were trying to be holy like monks, while still living life in the real world instead of in a monastery? How can we do that today?
5. Since John Wesley and the Holy Club were likely in their late teens, how would a “method” help them to stay focussed on what was important? What can we learn from them?
6. Are you surprised that the small group concept, or life group concept, was started by John and Charles Wesley?
7. Have you ever been involved in a small group, where you all kept each other accountable, and found a “method” to share together?
8. How did the methodist movement differ from the established church? What could the church provide that the bands could not?
9. What caused the Methodist Church form in America? How did John and Charles approach the solution that John chose?
10. Where did the Methodists set up preaching points, knowing that people of the lower classes would not likely come to church?
11. With so many people moving to cities from the country because of the Industrial Revolution, what social ills developed because such of a radical change in lifestyle? How did the Methodists help people in addressing the social ills of their day?
12. Charles Wesley took popular bar tunes and wrote hymns to them? How might the church take advantage of this model?
13. How can we follow the Wesley’s model and take the good news of the people to where the people are?