



Bible study for the week starting March 10, 2024

SHARE

Think of the people that have been influential in your life and that have reflected the love of Jesus to the people around them. Perhaps a teacher, a parent or grandparent, a close friend, or a neighbor. What characteristics of this person's relationship with the Lord stand out for you?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **James 1:12-18**.
 - a. What does the writer have to say "trials" and "temptations"?
 - b. James describes a process in vv. 14-15. Diagram what this process looks like. What insights does your diagram provide?
 - c. This passage contains an interesting name for God. How is this specifically a help during trials and temptations?
 - d. Now contrast this passage with Jesus's description of the devil in **John 8:44**. In what ways is this description helpful in making choices in tough situations?
 - e. One of the notes on the opposite side reads, "Jesus calls us to be living ikons, reflecting the light of God's kingdom. How do our actions reveal to the people we interact with the truth about God's kingdom?"
2. **Revelations 21:1-4** paints a picture of the Kingdom of God in its full realization. What purpose(s) of God does this picture convey? Discuss how living the life that Jesus calls us to exemplifies an expression of the kingdom as described in this passage.

PRAY

Pray that the Holy Spirit brings life to us through the words, "Thy kingdom come" each time we pray the Lord's Prayer.



PIERCING THE DARKNESS

1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Matthew 13:44-46
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“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has CHOSEN you to be a people for His TREASURED POSSESSION out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.” - *Deuteronomy 7:6*

Jesus calls us to be living IKONS, reflecting the LIGHT of God’s Kingdom.

Jesus loves the church so much that He laid down His life for her . . . for you . . . so that you can be of be SUCCESSFUL, . . . and especially that you might be successful in your RELATIONSHIP in the Lord.

When you celebrate, celebrate in a way that you would not be ASHAMED if Jesus came with you.

Paul tells us it’s not about having more; its’ about the KINGDOM.

We reflect the light of the King, who has indeed given all He had to purchase the pearl. YOU are the pearl, the TREASURED POSSESSION.