



Message Devotional & Discussion Questions

6/2/2024

MESSAGE: Rejection

WEEK#4

SERIES: Jesus Story: Healing, Hurts & Heresy

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CHECKIN' IN: How is your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's Devotional & Discussion?

THINK, DISCUSS, LIVE: These questions work well individually or in a group setting to encourage spiritual growth, engage in biblical community and live it in the world around you.

1. Describe a fond memory of a school activity? An event, a dance, graduation, a group of friends etc.. What made it so special?
2. If you met someone new, what positive word or phrase would you use to describe yourself? What positive word or phrase would others use to describe you?
3. Read Luke 4:17-21. What are the proofs in this text that reveal that Jesus is indeed the Messiah? Why were the people of Nazareth so tweaked by what Jesus said? Do you ever find yourself sometimes doubting the things you read or hear from God's word? Can you give an example?
4. What are some general labels you wear? Friend, parent, child, co-worker, student, boss, retired, or something else? What are some labels God says you are to wear? Child, holy, masterpiece, new creation, restored, redeemed, loved, blessed, something else. Which one/s do you identify with most and why?
5. No one likes to be rejected, especially by people you are close to. The account of Judas' betrayal is in all four of the gospels. Read Mark 14:43-52. Put yourself in the betrayal story. What do you think was going on in the minds of the disciples, of Jesus, the soldiers, the religious leaders and Judas as this was taking place? **Bonus:** Read and discuss the four gospel accounts of the betrayal of Jesus. What are some of the differences?
6. Read Psalm 3:3. What area in your life do you need God to be a shield of protection for you? What area do you need God to lift up your head and encourage you? Who do you know needs words of encouragement, of comfort and empowerment from you?
7. Read Luke 3:22. Why do you think this statement spoken over Jesus at his baptism was so crucial for his ministry? Do you think receiving this same statement of how God feels about you is important for your life and ministry? Why or why not?
8. Read Ephesians 2:10. What does this verse say about you? Do you find yourself saying, "yes but" and add a disclaimer? Discuss why it is difficult for us to receive positive words and or positive truths about us.
9. What is one word or phrase you would like to hear God speak over your life? Why would this word or phrase be so important to you?



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10. On your own Read Ephesians 1:1-20. Replace your name where the proper nouns are and receive what is yours as a follower of Jesus. Share with someone 1-2 of those truths from the above passage that encourage you the most.
11. **TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion or nudge from the Holy Spirit? Be specific.

2024 TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGE: We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out the *Experience God* page. Go to canvas.church/experience-god or *Experience God* on the Canvas App., read the "Make Me Better" section, start a new discipline, try a new Bible engagement tool, or help someone go further on their faith journey. Let us know how it's going.

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

Challenge yourself and or your group to pray out loud. It may just be a sentence or two of something you thank God for, or ask God to bless and answer someone's prayer request.

1. We pray because we believe God can and will answer our prayers.
 2. We pray for each other out of obedience to God and out of love for each other.
 3. We pray out loud for each other so everyone will be blessed and encouraged.
- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
 - **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
 - **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
 - **Pray for the person on your right**, *it can be out loud or in silence*, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
 - **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
 - **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email rickz@canvas.church



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