



Message Devotional & Discussion Questions

9/3/2023

SERIES: Jesus Story: Proverbs

WEEK:5

MESSAGE: Get to Work

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Josh Ramsey

CHECKING IN: How was 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?

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS: These questions work well individually or in a group. The goal is to be more like Jesus, enhance biblical community and live it in the world around you.

1. What has been your favorite job? What made or makes it your favorite? What would be your ultimate job and what specifically would you be doing?
 2. Which one would you say is more of a problem for people today: Laziness or workaholism? How do you define "balance" when it comes to work and rest?
 3. Read Colossians 3:23. How do you interpret this verse? Who do you know lives this verse well? Why do you think that is the case? What is one area in your life where you can apply this verse?
 4. Read James 1:5. Have you ever asked God for wisdom? What was the situation? If you haven't, what are you currently going through that you need God's wisdom?
 5. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. How do you define trust? How does your definition translate into your relationship with Jesus and others? What does it mean to "seek his will"? What is God's will for your life? Discuss what that might be for each of you.
 6. If grumbling and complaining are our default human responses, what do you do to not fall into that temptation? What helps you stay positive through challenging times?
 7. Where would you say is your mission field outside of your home? How is it going so far? What would you say is your next step in reaching someone for Jesus?
 8. In your current life situation, in all the places where you do life...What opportunities are there to reflect Jesus? What could that look like? Where do you find fear, tension, or a challenge to be Jesus in those contexts?
 9. Read and discuss 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Look at each verse individually and discuss what that could look like in your life. Which one is more of a challenge for you to live out and why?
 10. Take some time to pray out loud the things in your life for which you are thankful. Think of people you love, places you appreciate, things you enjoy, etc..
 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.
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WANT TO GROW DEEPER? We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out and explore the *Experience God* page. Go to canvas.church/experience-god or *Experience God* on the App.

GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

- **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