



Message Devotional & Discussion Questions

1/28/2024

MESSAGE: Thesis

WEEK# 1

SERIES: Jesus Story: Gospels

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Kevin Geer

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. What is your favorite casserole? What are some of the ingredients and what makes it your favorite? How can the four Gospels be compared to a good casserole?
2. What was the last good news you heard recently? What made it "good" for you?
3. Who are the people you would suggest people speak with if they want to know who you are? How similar or how different would their perspectives be?
4. Read Luke 1:1-4. Like the Gospel writers, we all see Jesus differently based on our experiences. What is your foundational thought or "go to" experience about Jesus? Why is this experience so important to you?
5. After reading 1 John 1:3-4, why do you think God chose to have men write a book to reveal Him to humankind? What is the promise and reason John and the other biblical authors wrote their books?
6. What are some things you know about the Bible that help you believe in its accuracy and trustworthiness?
7. What separates the Bible from other literary works? Next Read Hebrews 4:12. Does this verse provide some answers to what the Bible is, does and its potential end result?
8. What could be some of the reasons we have four different gospel accounts of the life of Jesus?
9. Read Luke 8:4-8. What do you notice about these verses? What are characteristics of poor soil? Of good soil? How do you prepare the soil of your heart to receive from God?
10. When was the last time you wrestled with a biblical text or truth? What was it about that passage or truth that made you question and or wrestle with it?
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



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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:

- **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