

# THE WAY

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# THE SOIL

#### 2 CORINTHIANS 13.5

"Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you--unless, of course you fail the test?"

We understand the importance of regular checkups in different areas of life. We take our cars in for maintenance, we go to the doctor for check ups, and we take tests and quizzes at school. It is also healthy to examine ourselves spiritually.

This booklet is a small set of Bible studies designed to help us evaluate where we stand spiritually in some vital areas like: seeking God, the importance of God's word, following Jesus, sin, salvation, and finally, the place that the Church of Christ is intended to play in the life of a Christian.

A big step in our relationship with God is to pray for humility and to examine ourselves with honesty and to have courage when we need to make adjustments.

Our hope is that this booklet can help you find a deeper faith, rooted in God's word. Those who help you through these studies can support you on the journey.

Are you ready to travel down the path?



# THE SOIL

## **MATTHEW 13.1-23**

IN THIS PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE, JESUS TELLS A PARABLE ABOUT A FARMER WHO GOES OUT TO SOW HIS SEED. THE STORY INTRODUCES FOUR DIFFERENT KINDS OF SOIL.

- 1) WHAT DO THE SEED AND THE SOIL REPRESENT?
- 2) WHAT ARE THE FOUR TYPES OF SOIL FROM THE STORY?
- 3) WHICH SOIL CAN YOU MOST IDENTIFY WITH CURRENTLY AND WHY?
- 4) THE GOAL IS TO BE "GOOD SOIL," ONE THAT PRODUCES A CROP. WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD HELP TO HAVE/MAINTAIN THIS SOIL?

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# THE SEEKER

## **MATTHEW 7.7-8**

1) WHAT DID JESUS PROMISE IN THIS PASSAGE?

#### **MATTHEW 7.13-14**

- 2) THIS VERSE INDICATES THAT ONLY A FEW TRULY FIND THE WAY TO GOD. IS THERE A CERTAIN WAY TO SEEK GOD THAT LEADS US TO HIM?
- 3) WHAT DO YOU THINK JESUS WAS TRYING TO COMMUNICATE TO PEOPLE WITH THIS TEACHING?
- 4) THERE ARE ONLY TWO ROADS. IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE WHICH ROAD YOU ARE ON RIGHT NOW, WHAT ROAD WOULD YOU SAY AND WHY?

## **MATTHEW 6:25-33**

- 5) ACCORDING TO THIS PASSAGE, HOW SHOULD WE SEEK GOD?
- 6) WHAT MIGHT A PERSON'S LIFE LOOK LIKE WHEN THEY SEEK GOD FIRST?
- 7) WHAT THINGS CAN GET IN THE WAY OF SEEKING GOD FIRST?

WORRY IS REAL. MOST OF US TEND TO WORRY ABOUT THINGS. GOD'S CALLING TO SEE HIM AND TRUST HIM ABOVE ALL ELSE FREES US FROM THE NEED TO WORRY.



# THE SEEKER

## LUKE 15.1-7, 8-10 & 11-32

- 8) WHICH CHARACTER REPRESENTS GOD IN THESE PARABLES?
- 9) WHAT IS THE GOD CHARACTER DOING IN EACH OF THESE PARABLES?
- 10) DOES GOD APPEAR TO CARE MORE ABOUT YOUR PERFORMANCE OR ABOUT HAVING A RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU?
- 11) HOW MUCH DOES GOD APPEAR TO CARE ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE "LOST"?
- 12) GOD SEEKS AFTER EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US...THIS INCLUDES YOU! WILL YOU SEEK HIM IN RETURN? CONSIDER WHAT MIGHT NEED TO CHANGE IN YOUR LIFE IN ORDER TO DO THIS AND MAKE A NOTE OF IT HERE...



## HEBREWS 4.12-13

# THE SEED

- 1) IN WHAT WAYS IS THE WORD OF GOD "LIVING" AND ACTIVE"?
- 2) HOW ARE GOD'S WORDS "SHARPER THAN A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD"?
- 3) EVERYTHING IS UNCOVERED AND LAID BARE BEFORE GOD AND WILL BE JUDGED BY HIS WORD. WHAT DOES THAT SAY ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING/READING HIS WORD?

## **1 TIMOTHY 4.16**

- 4) WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "LIFE" AND "DOCTRINE"?
- 5) WHY DOES OUR LIFE AND DOCTRINE REQUIRE A CLOSE WATCH AND PERSEVERANCE?

A PERSON WITH ONLY A GOOD LIFE OR JUST SOUND DOCTRINE IS NOT BEING CAREFUL. SUCH A LIFE DOES NOT LEAD TO SALVATION FOR THEM NOR THEIR LISTENERS.

#### 2 TIMOTHY 3.16-17

6) THIS PASSAGE SAYS THAT, "ALL SCRIPTURE IS GOD-BREATHED"? HOW DOES THAT AFFECT YOUR VIEW OF THEIR SIGNIFICANCE AND CONTENT?



# THE SEED

#### 2 PETER 1.20-21

7) DO YOU BELIEVE THE BIBLE REALLY IS GOD'S INSPIRED WORD? "...MEN SPOKE FROM GOD..." WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS IDEA?

## JOHN 8.30-32

- 8) WHO IS JESUS SPEAKING TO HERE?
- 9) WHAT MATTERS TO JESUS IF ONE IS TO KNOW THE TRUTH AND BE SET FREF?

TRUE FREEDOM IS FOUND WHEN WE "HOLD TO" JESUS' TEACHINGS.

## ACTS 17.10-12

- 10) WHAT SEEMED TO MAKE THE BEREANS "NOBLE" IN THIS PASSAGE?
- 11) WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT WE KNOW THE SCRIPTURES FOR OURSELVES?
- 12) ARE YOU WILLING TO COMMIT TO PLANTING THE SEED OF GOD'S WORD IN YOUR HEART AND LIFE? HOW MIGHT GOD USE HIS WORD TO TEACH YOU?



## ACTS 11.25-26

# THE CALL TO FOLLOW

THE WORD DISCIPLE, WHICH APPEARS OVER 250 TIMES IN SCRIPTURE, IS FAR MORE COMMON THAN THE TERM CHRISTIAN. THE WORD CHRISTIAN APPEARS JUST THREE TIMES IN ALL OF SCRIPTURE. BUT, WE CAN SEE IN THIS PASSAGE THAT THE TERMS ARE ACTUALLY SYNONYMOUS.

#### MARK 1.14-20

1)WHAT DID JESUS CALL THESE DISCIPLES TO? WHAT WAS THEIR RESPONSE?

- 2) THESE VERSES PROVIDE AN EXAMPLE FOR THOSE WHO ANSWER JESUS' CALL TO FOLLOW. WHAT STANDS OUT TO YOU AS NOTEWORTHY?
- 3) WHAT ATTRIBUTES IN YOUR OWN LIFE DEMONSTRATE THAT YOU ARE FOLLOWING JESUS?
- 4) "FISHING FOR MEN" WAS PART OF THE CALLING OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES. HOW DOES JESUS USE HIS FOLLOWERS TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS?

## **MATTHEW 28.18-20**

5) JESUS MAKES AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT HERE. HE SAYS THAT HE HAS ALL AUTHORITY. THEN HE USES IT TO GIVE THE DISCIPLES A CALLING. WHAT DOES HE CALL DISCIPLES TO DO?

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# THE CALL TO FOLLOW

6) WHAT ARE DISCIPLES EXPECTED TO LEARN? HOW MIGHT THEY LEARN IT?
7) WHAT PROMISE COMES ALONG WITH THIS CALLING?

8) HAVE YOU BEEN A DISCIPLE-MAKER? ARE YOU WILLING TO JOIN JESUS IN THIS WORK?

#### **LUKE 9.23-26**

- 9) WHAT DO THE WORDS "IF ANYONE" AND "WHOEVER" TELL US ABOUT WHO CHRIST IS TALKING TO IN THIS PASSAGE?
- 10) WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "DENY SELF"? IS IT AN IMPORTANT PART OF FOLLOWING JESUS? HOW SO?
- 11) IN THIS SCRIPTURE JESUS CALLS HIS FOLLOWERS TO TAKE UP THEIR OWN CROSS AS THEY WALK WITH HIM. JESUS SUFFERED; HIS FOLLOWERS MAY SUFFER TOO. HOW DO YOU THINK FOLLOWING JESUS MIGHT LEAD TO TRIALS IN YOUR LIFE? ARE YOU STILL WILLING TO WALK WITH HIM?

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## THE CALL TO FOLLOW

## **LUKE 14.25-27**

12) JESUS' STATEMENT SEEMS ODD WHEN WE CONSIDER THAT LOVE IS CENTRAL TO HIS MESSAGE. WHAT DO YOU THINK HE WAS GETTING AT WHEN HE STATED THAT ANYONE WHO DIDN'T "HATE" FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND SELF COULD NOT BE HIS DISCIPLE?

13) WHAT VALUE IS THERE IN LOVING GOD ABOVE ANYONE ELSE?

WHEN A STUDENT FOLLOWS A RABBI/TEACHER, THE VALUES AND THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THEIR RABBI SHAPE THEIR LIVES AND PRIORITIES.

#### LUKE 11:1-4

14) WHAT DO YOU NOTICE FROM JESUS' DISCIPLES IN VS. 1, AND WHAT DOES IT DEMONSTRATE?

15) WHAT DO YOU HOPE THAT JESUS WILL BE ABLE TO TEACH YOU, AS YOU WALK WITH HIM?

#### JOHN 13.34-35

16) WHAT STANDS OUT TO YOU ABOUT JESUS' "NEW COMMAND"?

17) HOW DID JESUS SHOW HIS LOVE FOR PEOPLE? HAVE YOU HAD THIS KIND OF LOVE GIVEN YOU AND HAVE YOU GIVEN IT TO OTHERS? WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?



## THE WEEDS

AS WITH ANY CROP, THE LIFE THAT JESUS CALLS US TO CAN BE THREATENED BY WEEDS AND PESTS. THIS STUDY WILL GET INTO THE WEEDS THAT PREVENT US FROM BEARING THE FRUIT OF SALVATION.

## **ROMAN'S 3.23 & ROMAN'S 6.23**

1) WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS TO SIN?

THE WORD TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH AS "SIN" IN OUR BIBLES COMES FROM A GREEK WORD,
"HAMARTIA," WHICH MEANS-TO MISS THE MARK.

IS ANYONE WITHOUT SIN? WHAT IS THE "WAGE" OF SIN MENTIONED IN ROMANS 6:23?

2) IN REALITY, DOES IT MATTER HOW MUCH WE HAVE SINNED WHEN IT COMES TO HOW IT EFFECTS OUR STANDING BEFORE A COMPLETELY HOLY AND SINLESS GOD?

#### ISAIAH 59.1-2

3) WHAT DOES SIN DO TO US ACCORDING TO THIS PASSAGE?

THE POINT WHERE SIN IS FORGIVEN/REMOVED, IS THE POINT WHERE ONE IS NO LONGER SEPARATED FROM GOD.

IT IS THE POINT AT WHICH A SOUL IS REDEEMED TO GOD.



## THE WEEDS

#### MARK 7.20-23

4) WHERE DOES SIN REALLY COME FROM? CAN ANYONE "MAKE" US DO IT?

THERE ARE MANY PASSAGES IN SCRIPTURE THAT LIST OFF ACTIONS REGARDED AS SIN.

HERE ARE A FEW TO REVIEW TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A CLEAR IDEA OF JUST WHAT

THE LORD DOES AND DOES NOT REGARD AS SIN:

GALATIANS 5.19-21, 2 TIMOTHY 3.1-5, REVELATION 21.8, JAMES 4.17

- 5) AFTER LOOKING OVER THESE PASSAGES CAN YOU SEE THAT IN AT LEAST SOME WAY YOU HAVE FALLEN SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD? WHY DOES THAT MATTER?
- 6) GOD HAS PROVIDED US WITH A CONSCIENCE SO THAT WE ARE AWARE OF OUR SINFULNESS IN LIGHT OF HIS GLORY AND GOODNESS. IN WHAT WAYS HAS SIN COMPLICATED YOUR LIFE?
- 7) WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HOW TO HAVE YOUR SIN FORGIVEN?

THE BIBLE IS VERY CLEAR ON THE SUBJECT OF SALVATION. THE BALANCE OF THIS STUDY HELPS TO IDENTIFY THE POINT AT WHICH SIN IS FORGIVEN AND A SOUL IS REDEEMED.



## THE WEEDS

#### **ROMANS 6.1-5**

8) WHAT CONNECTION DOES THIS PASSAGE MAKE BETWEEN JESUS' DEATH AND BAPTISM? WHAT CONNECTION DOES IT MAKE BETWEEN JESUS' RESURRECTION AND BAPTISM?

#### ACTS 2.36-38

9) IN THESE VERSES IT DESCRIBES A REAL BROKENNESS OVER THE DEATH OF JESUS AT OUR HANDS. WHAT DID PETER TELL THEM THEY MUST DO IN ORDER TO BE FORGIVEN?

10) AT BAPTISM, WE ALSO RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. WHAT ROLE DO YOU THINK THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT PLAYS IN OUR LIVES? IF YOU'RE NOT SURE, DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK.

#### 1 PETER 3.18-21

11) BAPTISM IS WHERE GOD SAVES US. NOT THROUGH SIMPLE RITUAL, BUT WITH THE PLEDGE WE MAKE OF A CLEAR CONSCIENCE BEFORE HIM. HAVE YOU EVER MADE A PERSONAL DECISION TO REPENT OF SIN AND TO BE BAPTIZED? IF NOT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO?

#### QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

IN WHAT WAYS WILL YOU NEED TO REPENT IN ORDER TO LIVE A NEW LIFE WITH GOD? WHAT WAYS WOULD YOUR LIFE LOOK DIFFERENT IF YOU LIVED IT BY BEING GUIDED BY THE SPIRIT?

# THE PRUNING

THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF THIS BIBLE STUDY IS TO MAKE THE ATONING SACRIFICE OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS MORE PERSONAL AND MEANINGFUL. GOD CAN USE HIS WORD TO PRUNE OUR HEARTS TO PRODUCE A MORE BEAUTIFUL ONE THAN WE HAD BEFORE. BUT BEWARE, PRUNING CAN HURT.

#### MATTHEW 26.36-27.37, ISAIAH 52.13-53:12

JESUS' SUFFERING WAS EXTENSIVE. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT GOD COULD HAVE CHOSEN A FAR LESS PAINFUL WAY FOR THIS SIN-ATONING SACRIFICE TO TAKE PLACE, NOTICE THAT HE <u>CHOSE</u> THIS BRUTAL PATH.

- 1) WHY DO YOU SUSPECT GOD DESIRED FOR OUR SIN TO BE ATONED FOR IN SUCH A HARD AND PAINFUL WAY?
- 2) WHAT MESSAGE DOES THAT SEND TO YOU ABOUT HOW GOD FEELS ABOUT YOUR OWN SIN?

## 2 CORINTHIANS 5.14-21

3) WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT CHRIST'S LOVE "COMPELS" US? WHAT WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO THIS SACRIFICE?

TO SEE THE WORLD FROM A NEW POINT OF VIEW (VS 16) IS THE HEART OF REPENTANCE.
WALKING IN THE WAY OF JESUS INVITES CONTINUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE THINGS
DIFFERENTLY.

4) WHAT DOES REPENTANCE MEAN?

MOST COMMONLY, PEOPLE THINK REPENTANCE MEANS TO CHANGE, TO OR TO FEEL BAD ABOUT SOMETHING. IN REALITY IT IS TRANSLATED TO ENGLISH FROM THE GREEK WORD, **METANOIA.**META=CHANGE NOIA= MIND/KNOWLEDGE

A CHANGE IN THE WAY WE THINK LEADS TO CHANGING ACTIONS.



# THE PRUNING

#### **TITUS 1:15-16**

OUR MINDS GET CORRUPTED AND NEED CHANGING. OUR ACTIONS DEMONSTRATE WHETHER OR NOT A REAL "METANOIA" HAS TAKEN PLACE.

4) CAN YOU THINK OF AN EXAMPLE OF HOW A CHANGE IN THE WAY SOCIETY THINKS HAS LED TO A CHANGE IN THE WAY SOCIETY ACTS?

## **COLOSSIANS 3.1-4**

- 5) AS CHRISTIANS, WHERE ARE WE TO SET OUR MINDS ON?
- 6) WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD HAPPEN TO US AND TO OUR ACTIONS WHEN WE LOOK AT THINGS FROM GOD'S VIEWPOINT?

#### 2 CORINTHIANS 7.8-11

REPENTANCE IS NOT A FEELING OF SADNESS. IN FACT SADNESS COULD KEEP US FROM TRUE REPENTANCE IF WE DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT KIND OF SORROW.

- 7) WHAT ARE THE TWO TYPES OF SORROW MENTIONED IN THIS PASSAGE? WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO?
- 8) ARE YOU WILLING TO LET GO OF SOME OF THE WAYS OF THINKING THAT YOU HAVE HAD IN ORDER TO SEE THEM FROM GOD'S POINT OF VIEW? WHAT ARE SOME OF THOSE OLD WAYS?



# THE PRUNING

IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE UNDERSTAND REPENTANCE IS NOT ALL ABOUT EMOTIONS. INSTEAD, IT IS A NEW WAY OF THINKING THAT LEADS US TO A LASTING CHANGE.

THIS CAN INCLUDE EMOTIONS, BUT ISN'T DRIVEN BY THEM.

9) CAN YOU THINK OF ANY WAYS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN INSPIRED TO SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY AS THE RESULT OF THESE BIBLE STUDIES OR DUE TO SOMETHING GOD HAS TAUGHT YOU ELSEWHERE?



## THE HARVEST

THIS STUDY IS MEANT TO HELP US UNDERSTAND THE REASON FOR THE CHURCH IN OUR LIVES AND HOW IT HELPS US TO KNOW THE WAY OF JESUS MORE FULLY, THAT WE MIGHT BE PART OF GOD'S HARVEST WHILE ALSO HELPING OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.

#### COLOSSIANS 1.15-20

- 1) WHAT IS THE CHURCH COMPARED TO IN THIS PASSAGE?
- 2) WHAT PART OF THE BODY IS JESUS IDENTIFIED WITH IN THIS PASSAGE? WHY IS THAT SIGNIFICANT?

THE CHURCH IS NOT JUST AN ORGANIZATION, IT IS AN ORGANISM, A LIVING THING. WE DON'T "GO TO CHURCH", WE <u>ARE</u> THE CHURCH OF CHRIST. WE ARE A UNIT THAT BELONGS TOGETHER AND FOLLOWS THE WAY OF JESUS AS A COMMUNITY, IN SUPPORT OF EACH OTHER.

(ROMANS 12.3-8).

#### **1 CORINTHIANS 12.12-27**

- 3) CAN A SINGLE BODY PART SURVIVE ALL ALONE? WHAT HAPPENS TO IT?
- 4) HOW DOES THIS LEVEL OF DEVOTION TO CHURCH COMPARE TO THE IDEAS YOU HAVE HAD ABOUT CHURCH PREVIOUSLY?
- 5) WILL YOU NEED TO HAVE A METANOIA (REPENT) REGARDING CHURCH?

#### MARK 3.31-35

6) HOW DID JESUS VIEW FAMILY HERE? HOW WOULD A CHURCH FELLOWSHIP BE AFFECTED IF THEY TREATED ONE ANOTHER LIKE A FAMILY?



# THE HARVEST

#### EPHESIANS 2.19-22

7)WHAT KIND OF RESPONSIBILITIES ARE COMMON FOR MEMBERS OF A FAMILY?

8) HOW MIGHT THERE BE SIMILAR RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN GOD'S HOUSEHOLD? WHAT TALENTS CAN YOU OFFER TO HELP?

## 1 JOHN 4.19-20

IN MANY WAYS, HOW WE TREAT THE MEMBERS OF GOD'S FAMILY IS A

REFLECTION OF HOW WE TREAT GOD HIMSELE.

9) WHO HAVE YOU BEEN DEVELOPING A CLOSE CONNECTION WITH IN THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP, WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE FRIENDS?

## **ACTS 2.42-47**

- 10) WHAT STANDS OUT ABOUT THE EARLY CHURCH IN THIS PASSAGE?
- 11) THE CHURCH MEMBERS GAVE SACRIFICIALLY TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT GIVING THIS WAY?
- 12) MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH WERE TOGETHER OFTEN AND EVERYBODY WAS INVOLVED. WILL THIS BE EASY OR DIFFICULT FOR YOU?

#### **HEBREWS 10.23-25**

13) WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "SPUR ONE ANOTHER ON" TOWARDS LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS?



# THE HARVEST

14) OUR GATHERINGS ARE MEANT TO SHOW THE BEAUTY OF JESUS. WHAT PRIORITY SHOULD THE GATHERINGS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY HAVE IN OUR LIVES, HOW SO?

#### **HEBREWS 3.12-13**

WE SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ENCOURAGING EACH OTHER AND SEEING TO IT
THAT WE STAY AWAY FROM SIN AND UNBELIEF.

WE PRACTICE "ONE ANOTHER" RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS THAT HELP GUIDE OUR DISCIPLESHIP AND TO HELP US TO STAY ENCOURAGED.

15) HOW ARE RELATIONSHIPS IMPORTANT IN STAYING FAITHFUL?

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-2

IN THE LOCAL CHURCH WE TAKE UP OFFERINGS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY AND THE NEEDS OF OUR CONGREGATION. WE INVITE YOU TO CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN BE A PART OF THAT IN KEEPING WITH YOUR INCOME.

## QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

DOES A PERSON HAVE TO BE A PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST TO BE CONNECTED TO CHRIST? WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE INDICATE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING DEVOTED TO A FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS/CHURCH FELLOWSHIP?



## COUNTING THE COST

ARE YOU READY TO FOLLOW THE WAY OF JESUS?

THIS STUDY IS A REVIEW OF WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED AND A REFLECTIVE DISCUSSION ABOUT YOUR LIFE AS A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST.

#### **LUKE 14.28-33**

JESUS CALLS US TO "COUNT THE COST" BY REALLY CONSIDERING THE ALTERNATIVES TO FOLLOWING HIM. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PROCESS BECAUSE JESUS DOESN'T JUST WANT US TO FOLLOW HIM. HE WANTS A RELATIONSHIP WITH US.

#### **LUKE 9.57-62**

IN THESE VERSES COMFORT, CONVENIENCE, AND COMPROMISE ARE ALL ADDRESSED IN THREE SEPARATE INTERACTIONS.

- 1) WHAT KIND OF OBSTACLES TO FOLLOWING JESUS ARE MENTIONED IN THESE VERSES?
- 2) IS THERE ANYTHING HOLDING YOU BACK FROM COMPLETELY GIVING YOUR LIFE TO JESUS?
- 3) YOU HAVE MADE MANY CHOICES DURING THESE BIBLE STUDIES. WHICH HAVE BEEN THE MOST CHALLENGING? WHICH HAVE THE MOST REWARDING?

#### **DEUTERONOMY 20.1-9**

THIS PASSAGE PROVIDES A GOOD ANALOGY.

GOD DOES NOT BEG FOR HIS CREATION TO JOIN HIM IN HIS MISSION.

IN FACT, HE ONLY WANTS THOSE WHO OFFER THEMSELVES FULLY.

JESUS DESIRES FOLLOWERS WHO ARE COMPLETELY DEVOTED WITH NO LOOKING BACK.



#### REVIEW:

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

HOW IMPORTANT IS GOD'S WORD?

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF REPENTANCE AND BAPTISM?

EXPLAIN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHURCH IN GOD'S KINGDOM. WHAT MAKES IT SO IMPORTANT?

WHAT IMPORTANCE DOES THE FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS PLAY IN OUR LIVES?

YOU'VE DONE IT! YOU'VE REACHED THE END OF THIS BIBLE STUDY BOOKLET, BUT YOU HAVE ONLY <u>JUST</u> BEGUN A LIFE-LONG "WAY" OF TRANSFORMATION. GOD'S DESIRE IS FOR US TO CONTINUE TO BE FORMED INTO HIS IMAGE.

MAY HE BLESS YOU ALWAYS.

"NOW THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT, AND WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS,
THERE IS FREEDOM. AND WE, WHO WITH UNVEILED FACES ALL REFLECT
THE LORD'S GLORY, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO HIS LIKENESS WITH
EVER-INCREASING GLORY, WHICH COMES FROM THE LORD, WHO IS THE
SPIRIT."

2 CORINTHIANS 3.17-18







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