

**Thursday Bible Study Groups**

**Date:** April 22, 2021

**Lesson:** HOPE

**Opening Thought:**

Have you ever felt hopeless about a specific situation in your life?

How did you cope?

**Read:** 1 Peter 1-12

**Five Things:**

- 1. What does it mean to our everyday lives that God plans to make us holy?
- 2. How do you describe pure faith?
- 3. In what way does your hope for the future change the way you live?
- 4. What does it mean to “rejoice in your salvation?”
- 5. What words of hope from this passage do you want to remember the next time you face trials?

**Conclusion:**

List all the things from the reading we live in HOPE for...  
(Consult 1 Corinthians 15:19-32.)

**Corresponding Scripture:** (How do the following passages relate to the lesson?)

- 1. Psalm 42:5
- 2. Psalm 130:7
- 3. Proverbs 23:17-18
- 4. Romans 8:24-25
- 5. Romans 15:4
- 6. Colossians 1:27
- 7. 1 Thessalonians 1:3
- 8. Titus 1:2
- 9. Titus 2:11-13
- 10. Hebrews 10:23

**Thursday Bible Study Groups**

**Date:** April 29, 2021

**Lesson:** LOVING PEOPLE

**Opening Thought:**

Describe a time when someone demonstrated Christ’s love to you in a practical way.

**Read:** 1 Peter 3:8-22

**Five Things:**

- 1. How should we treat each other & when is it most difficult to demonstrate a loving attitude towards them?  
(See Colossians 3:13)
- 2. What kinds of issues create tension and conflict between Believers?  
(See James 4:1-3)
- 3. Describe the kind of person who enjoys life and pleases God.  
(Psalm 34:11-14)
- 4. How do we love others who have nothing to give in return?  
(Matthew 5:46-48)
- 5. What does it mean to “work for peace?”  
(Romans 12:15-18)

**Conclusion:**

What practical steps can we take to promote harmony in the Body of Christ?

**Corresponding Scripture:** (How do the following passages relate to the lesson?)

- 1. John 13:34-35
- 2. Galatians 5:13-14
- 3. Colossians 3:14
- 4. 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10
- 5. Hebrews 10:24
- 6. 1 John 3:11

**Thursday Bible Study Groups**

**Date:** May 6, 2021

**Lesson:** Joyful Service

**Opening Thought:**

Think of a time when you found great joy in serving in your church or community. What made that experience joyful?

**Read:** 1 Peter 4:1-11

**Five Things:**

- 1. Reread v. 8-10. What are the results of loving other?
- 2. What is the purpose of the gifts and talents God gives?
- 3. What usually motivates you to serve?
- 4. How can a person really find joy in serving others?  
(See Colossians 3:23.)
- 5. What blessings have you received from serving others?

**Conclusion:**

What practical ways do we depend upon God to help us serve rather than depending upon our own strength?

**Corresponding Scripture:**(How do the following passages relate to the lesson?)

- 1. Deuteronomy 10:12
- 2. Joshua 22:5
- 3. Psalm 100:2
- 4. Matthew 20:26-28
- 5. Romans 12:11
- 6. 2 Corinthians 9:12
- 7. Galatians 5:13
- 8. Ephesians 6:6-8

**Thursday Bible Study Groups**

**Date:** May 13, 2021

**Lesson:** Self-Discipline

**Opening Thought:**

What spiritual disciplines have helped you the most in pursuing life with Jesus?

**Read:** 2 Peter 1:1-10

**Five Things:**

- 1. What are the good things we have received in Christ Jesus?
- 2. Reread verse 5. What does it mean to add these to our faith?
- 3. Why is self-control so important?
- 4. What results come from spiritual discipline?
- 5. What’s the difference between disciplined & legalistic?

**Conclusion:**

What practical steps can a Believer take to become more useful and productive in their life with Christ?

**Corresponding Scripture:**(How do the following passages relate to the lesson?)

- 1. Proverbs 1:1-7
- 2. 1 Thessalonians 5:6-8
- 3. 2 Timothy 1:7
- 4. Titus 1:7-8
- 5. Titus 2:2-8
- 6. 1 Peter 4:7

**Thursday Bible Study Groups**

**Date:** May 20, 2021

**Lesson:** False Teachers

**Opening Thought:**

Think of a time when you were impressed by a dynamic speaker. What do you remember most about the message they presented?

**Read:** 2 Peter 2:1-22

**Five Things:**

1. Why do people follow false teachers? What makes them so popular?

(See 2 Timothy 4:3-4.)

2. What motivates false teachers to work their way into churches?

What tactics do they use?

(See 2 Timothy 3:6-8.)

3. How can we recognize false teachers?

(See Jude 1:16, 1 John 4:1, 2 John 1:9)

4. What are the appropriate times for exposing sin in the life of another Believer?

(Ephesians 5:11, Romans 16:17, Matthew 18:15)

**Conclusion:**

What are practical ways for Believers to guard against the influence of sin in the lives of others and false teaching?

**Corresponding Scripture:**(How do the following passages relate to the lesson?)

1. Isaiah 56:10-12

2. Matthew 7:15-23

3. Philippians 1:15-17

4. 1 Timothy 6:3-5

**Thursday Bible Study Groups**

**Date:** May 27, 2021

**Lesson:** God is in Control

**Opening Thought:**

Think of a time when you were disappointed in how God answered one of your prayers. Did there come a time when you realized that His answer was the best for you?

**Read:** 2 Peter 3:1-18

**Five Things:**

1. Explain why God is delaying punishment of the wicked.

2. In light of Christ’s imminent return, describe how we should live our live.

3. How do Believers “guard their faith?”

4. In what circumstances is it tempting to give up on God?

Why is it so tempting to turn away from God when we need him the most?

5. What are the dangers of having unrealistic expectations?

**Conclusion:**

How do the promises in this passage build up our faith and confidence that God is in control?

**Corresponding Scripture:**(How do the following passages relate to the lesson?)

1. Psalm 4:5

2. Psalm 20:7

3. Psalm 62:8

4. Isaiah 12:2

5. Nahum 1:7

6. Zephaniah 3:12

7. John 14:1-3

8. Acts 14:23

9. Romans 8:28

10. Hebrews 2:13