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FORWARD

We bless the Lord Almighty, the Giver and Sustainer of life who has preserved us and brought us into the year 2022. To Him be all glory, power and majesty forever.

The Lord has moved our hearts to focus on "Enthroning the King" this year. To enthrone has to do with sitting in a position of authority and influence, and to rule/govern. A king designate remains without authority to function appropriately if he has not been enthroned and officially coronated upon the throne. Jesus has been officially coronated "The King" Halleluiah!

Psalm 29:10 says "the LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever." The enemy of Christ and his cohorts however, do not desire Him to rule as the enthroned King over the Universe. This is the reason why the earth is in the magnitude of chaos and upheavals it is facing today, but the Lord is counting on you to arise and enforce the rulership and authority of Christ wherever He has positioned you.

As we study together this year, may the Lord strengthen you and find you a veritable vessel in His hand to use in enthroning the King of kings and the Lord of lords. For the Bible says, they will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because He is Lord of lords and King of kings - and with Him will be His called, chosen and faithful followers" Rev. 17:14 (NIV). God bless you and have a fruitful 2022.

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STUDY 1 WHO IS THIS KING? I: KINGDOM AND DOMINION

TEXTS: Ps. 24:1-10; 1 Tim. 6:13-16.

MEMORY VERSE

How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation (Dan. 4:3).

INTRODUCTION

A king is a supreme ruler with sovereignty over a nation or territory which is generally referred to as his kingdom. The sovereignty of a king confers on him the power to rule and control his kingdom. Our God is the Creator of all things, both seen and unseen and has the supremacy, sovereignty and dominion over all of His creation. In this study we shall be examining the realm of God's kingdom and dominion, for they are too great to comprehend.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What can we learn about the kingdom of God from the following scriptures?

Dan. 2:44; Lk. 17:20, 21; Jn. 3:1-5; 18:33-36; Rom. 14:17; 1 Cor. 15:50-54.

2. Discuss the dominion of God from the following scriptures: 2 Chron. 2:5,6; Ps. 24:7-10; Isa. 45:5-12; Rom. 13:1-6; Eph. 1:15-22; 1 Tim. 6:13-16.

CONCLUSION

The kingdom of God is an everlasting Kingdom and its dominion is over all. Therefore, we must be well abreast of the kingdom we belong to and the dominion our King exercises over all creation.

STUDY 2 WHO IS THIS KING? II: GLORY AND POWER

TEXTS: Ps. 24:1-10; Rev. 1:10-20.

MEMORY VERSE

Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all (1 Chron. 29:11).

INTRODUCTION

Glory signifies fame, praise or honour ascribed to somebody or something due to certain qualities that the person or thing possesses or has attained such as power, wealth, knowledge, splendour, and radiance. Power on the other hand implies strength, capability, ability to control, authority, influence, force or energy. The glory and power of a king are a measure of the greatness of his kingdom. In this study, we shall examine the glory and power of our King.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Discuss the glory of God from the following Scriptures: 1 Kgs. 22:19; 1 Chron. 29:11; Ps. 24.1-10; Isa. 6:1-7; Matt.13:53-56; 17:1-8; Jn. 1:14; Heb. 1:4; Rev. 1:10-20; 19:11-16.
- 2. Discuss the power of God from the following Scriptures: Job 26:6-14; Eccl. 8:4; Matt. 9:1-6; Lk. 4:34-36; 5:17; Rom. 1.16; 13:1, 2; Eph 1:16-23.

CONCLUSION

God demonstrates His glory in the greatness of His holiness, authority, power, splendour and riches. His power is boundless and ultimate. May we be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as we progressively experience the dimensions of His glory and power in our lives.

STUDY 3 CHRIST THE KING

TEXTS: Ps. 110:1-7; 1 Tim. 6:13-16.

MEMORY VERSES

That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords (1 Tim. 6:14, 15).

INTRODUCTION

Jesus Christ is King over all creation. He is before all and in Him all things consist. Yet at the fullness of time, He died to save creation from the wrath of God to come. By this act he restored man back to the Kingdom of God. This study focuses on Christ the King.

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Discuss Christ the King from these Scriptures: Ps. 2:1-7; 110:1-7; Isa. 9:6, 7; Jn. 1:1-5; 10:7-18; 14:5-10; Gal. 4:4-7; Eph. 1:18-23; Phil. 2:5-11; Col. 2:8-15; 1 Tim. 6:13-16; Heb. 1:1-4. Rev. 1:5, 6.

CONCLUSION

The kingship of Jesus Christ is not tyrannical but self-effacing. He lived a blameless life, offered His life as a living sacrifice, and brought many sons and daughters to glory. He is enthroned King of kings and Lord of lords, and His dominion has no end.

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STUDY 4 THE KING OVER OUR LIVES

TEXT: Isa.33:20-24.

MEMORY VERSE

For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king: he will save us (Isa. 33:22).

INTRODUCTION

Having established from previous studies that Christ is the King, we will now discuss Him as King over our lives. As believers, Jesus has established His claim over our lives. Therefore, He is our King, lawgiver, Judge and High Priest. This study focuses on the Kingship of Jesus over our lives.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Discuss the Kingship of Jesus over our lives from the following scriptures: Isa. 33:20-24; Dan. 7:13, 14; 1 Cor. 6:19, 20; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 6:8, 9; Phil. 2:5-11; Col.3:1-4; 1 Pet. 4:1-6; Rev. 1:5-7.
- 2. Discuss some implications of not having Christ as King over our lives: Deut. 8:17-20; Dan. 4:28-33; Lk. 6:46, 49; Acts 12:21-23; 1 Cor. 3:16, 17.

CONCLUSION

As subjects of King Jesus, we must give Him absolute control and ownership over our lives. There can be no rival to the throne of our lives; Jesus must occupy it in its entirety.

STUDY 5 KINGDOM LIFESTYLE I

TEXTS: Matt. 5:1-12; 2 Cor. 6:1-10.

MEMORY VERSES

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye (Col. 3:12, 13).

INTRODUCTION

Lifestyle is a way of life, a learned behaviour, mindset or principle that one chooses to adopt. Likewise, the kingdom of God has a pattern of life which anyone born of God must exhibit. Jesus Christ taught about the attributes of this lifestyle which include: holiness, meekness and longsuffering, among others. The necessity of this kingdom lifestyle is the focus of this study.

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Discuss some attributes of the Kingdom lifestyle from these scriptures:

Matt. 5:1-12; 21-48; 2 Cor. 6:1-18; Phil. 2:1-13; Col. 3:1-25.

CONCLUSION

God has given the believer all he needs in order to live a godly lifestyle through the knowledge of Christ Jesus. As a result of this work of God in the believer, he now has power to live the Kingdom lifestyle.

STUDY 6 KINGDOM LIFESTYLE II

TEXTS: Isa. 60:1-7; Matt. 5:13-16.

MEMORY VERSE

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven (Matt. 5:16).

INTRODUCTION

In the previous study, we considered some of the elements of the Kingdom lifestyle which included holiness, meekness and longsuffering, among others. In this study, we shall be focusing on salt and light as elements of the Kingdom lifestyle.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Discuss some properties of salt and light.
- 2. Discuss salt and light as elements of kingdom lifestyle from the following scriptures:

Isa. 60:1-7; Matt 4:12-17; 5:13-16; Mk. 9:38-50;

Jn. 1:6-9; 5:32-35; Col. 4:6; 1 Jn. 2:9,10.

CONCLUSION

Believers, in exhibiting Kingdom lifestyle, should bring light, brightness, preservation, meaning and taste to the society. The world will decay and remain in darkness without the presence of Kingdom-minded and practising believers.

STUDY 7 ESTABLISHING GOD'S KINGDOM ON EARTH

TEXT: Dan. 3:8-30.

MEMORY VERSE

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith (Acts 6:7).

INTRODUCTION

To establish means to set up, put in place, initiate and to make permanent. As believers in Christ, we have been called to establish God's kingdom on earth. In order to establish this kingdom, we must know the mind of God, walk in His will and be willing to bring His purpose to bear on earth. This theme is the focus of this study.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How can we establish God's kingdom on earth from the following scriptures?

Dan. 1:8; 3:8-30; Matt. 6:24-34; Acts 6:1-7.

2. What are some effects of establishing God's kingdom on earth?

Gen. 1:28; Josh. 21:43-45; Dan. 6:19-28.

CONCLUSION

Establishing the kingdom of God on earth does not come easy. To overcome the challenges, we need to be determined and focused in order to attain the set goal.

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STUDY 8 REIGNING WITH CHRIST

TEXT: Rom. 5:12-21.

MEMORY VERSE

For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ (Rom. 5:17).

INTRODUCTION

Reigning means ruling or exercising dominion over the devil, principalities, powers as well as all circumstances of life. God's intention is that man would reign in life with Christ over all things. However, many believers are yet to enter into this experience in their walk with the Lord. How a Christian can reign with Christ, and some hindrances faced in the process are the issues being considered in this study.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. How can a Christian reign with Christ from these scriptures? Jn. 1:12-17; Acts 4:8, 24; Rom. 6:6-18; 2 Cor. 5:12-21; Gal. 6:8-10; 1 Pet. 2:21-24; 1 Jn. 5:4, 5.
- 2. Discuss some hindrances to reigning with Christ from the following scriptures: Ps. 49:20; Rom. 6:1, 2; 10:1-4; 1 Cor. 3:1-3; Gal. 3:1-5.

CONCLUSION

Reigning with Christ requires our close walk with the Lord. However, there are hinderances that we must overcome. May we continually take advantage of our God-given authority to ensure that we reign in life.

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STUDY 9 IMPLICATIONS OF NOT ENTHRONING CHRIST

TEXTS: 1 Sam. 8:4-20; Lk. 19:12-27.

MEMORY VERSE

But those my enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring them hither, and slay them before me (Lk. 19:27).

INTRODUCTION

The importance of enthroning Christ over our lives cannot be overemphasized as we have been learning in the previous studies. There are dire consequences of not enthroning Him. This study focuses on the implications of not enthroning Christ as the Lord of our lives.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Discuss some of the implications of not enthroning Christ as the Lord of our lives from the following Scriptures: Gen. 19:15-26; 1 Sam. 8:4-20; Matt. 24:10-12; Lk. 19:12-27; Acts 5:1-11; 1 Tim. 1:18-20; 2 Tim. 4:10; Heb. 6:4-8.
- 2. Discuss some experiences of not enthroning Christ as the Lord.

CONCLUSION

We have seen some implications of not enthroning Christ over our lives such as going one's own way, arguing with God and loving the world, as well as the consequences that followed. May we therefore allow Christ to be enthroned continually in our lives.

STUDY 10 URGENCY OF THE TASK

TEXTS: Gen.19:12-17; Eph. 5:15-17.

MEMORY VERSE

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work (Jn. 9:4).

INTRODUCTION

The task of enthroning the King is the primary responsibility of every believer. However, it is time-bound. Urgency entails giving immediate attention, persistence and diligence in doing something. The transience of time should make us aware of the urgency of the task. This concept is the focus of this study.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Discuss the urgency of the task from these scriptures: Gen. 19:12-17; Eccl. 3:1-8; 11:4-6; Jn 9: 4, 5; 12:35, 36; Eph. 5:15-17; 2 Tim. 4: 1-5; Rev. 12:12.
- 2. What are the hindrances to focusing on the urgency of the task in contemporary times?

CONCLUSION

God has allotted each of us specific time to accomplish the task of enthroning the King. Therefore, we must give urgent attention to this task and finish it while we have the opportunity.

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2nd QUARTER

SUB-THEME:
GROWING UNTO
MATURITY
Heb. 6:1.

STUDY 1 THE NEED FOR MATURITY

TEXTS: Gal. 4:1-4; Eph. 4:7-32.

MEMORY VERSE

Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all (Gal.4:1).

INTRODUCTION

The essence of God redeeming man is for him to come to a point of reflecting the stature of the fulness of Christ in every respect. However, this is not always the case as many Christians have remained babies. This limits God from advancing His purpose beyond elementary dealings to deeper issues of sonship. This study focuses on the need for maturity.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the need for maturity from the following Scriptures:

Judg. 8:19-21; 1 Cor. 3:1-4; Gal. 3:1-4; 4:1, 2; Eph. 4:13-15; Heb. 5:11-14; 2 Pet.1:5-9.

2. How can a believer attain maturity from these Scriptures? 2 Cor. 3:16-18; Eph. 4:11-32; Heb. 10:24, 25; Jas. 1:22-25.

CONCLUSION

God has made available provisions for our maturity such as the word, the Holy Spirit, fellowship, love for one another and obedience among others. May we appropriate these provisions in order to grow unto maturity.

STUDY 2 THE OLD MINDSET AND THE NEW LIFE

TEXTS: Rom. 8:1-17; 2 Cor. 10:3-6.

MEMORY VERSE

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace (Rom. 8:6).

INTRODUCTION

A person's mindset is a set of beliefs that influences how he thinks, feels, and behaves in any given situation. When a person gives his life to Christ, his old mindset does not change automatically. For his mindset to be transformed, he must be willing to let go of his old fallen human nature, and fully embrace the new life he has in Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Discuss the old mindset from these Scriptures: Rom. 8:5-8; 1 Cor. 2:14; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 2:2, 3; 4:17-19.
- 2. How do we put off the old mindset and embrace the new life according to these Scriptures? Rom. 8:1-17; 12:1-3; 1 Cor. 2:9-16; 2 Cor. 10:3-6; Col. 3:1-17.

CONCLUSION

The old mindset is enmity against God and does not accept the things of the Spirit. Therefore, we must renew our minds by the Word of God so that we can know His will and obey Him.

STUDY 3 INGREDIENTS FOR GROWING UNTO MATURITY I: THE WORD

TEXTS: Ps. 119:97-105; 2 Tim. 3:14-17.

MEMORY VERSE

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby (1 Pet. 2:2).

INTRODUCTION

Everything that has life has the potential to grow. Spiritual growth is dependent on certain ingredients such as: the Word, prayer, fasting, fellowship and others. The focus of this study is the Word as an ingredient for growing unto maturity.

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Discuss the centrality of the Word of God in the growth of a Christian.

Ezra 7:10; Ps. 119:97-105; Jn. 17:17; Acts 20:32; Rom. 10:17; Col. 3:16; 1 Thess. 2:13; 1 Tim. 4:13-16; 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:14-17; Heb. 5:12-14; Jas. 1:18-25.

CONCLUSION

The Word of God is essential for growth. For a child of God to grow to the full stature of Christ, he must desire the undiluted Word of God, eat it sufficiently in a balanced proportion and obey it.

STUDY 4 INGREDIENTS FOR GROWING UNTO MATURITY II: PRAYER AND FASTING

TEXTS: Isa. 58:6-11; Matt. 6:5-18.

MEMORY VERSE

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land (2 Chron. 7:14).

INTRODUCTION

In the previous study we considered the Word as an ingredient for growing unto maturity. This study looks at prayer and fasting as ingredients for growth unto maturity.

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Discuss prayer and fasting as ingredients for growth unto maturity from these Scriptures:

Isa. 58:6-11; Matt. 6:5-18; 26:41; Lk. 4:1-14; 6:12, 13; Acts 2:42, 43.

CONCLUSION

It is clear from this study, that prayer and fasting are necessary for spiritual growth. Let us be challenged to pray and fast often in order to grow, mature and become effective in our walk with God.

STUDY 5 STANDING THROUGH TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS

TEXTS: Gen. 39:7-20; 2 Cor. 11:22-35.

MEMORY VERSE

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it (1 Cor. 10:13).

INTRODUCTION

As long as the believer lives in this world, he is bound to face one form of trial and/or temptation. When God allows us to go through trials and temptations, it is not meant to destroy us but that through them, we will learn to trust Him more as well as grow and mature in faith. This study focuses on standing through trials and temptations as avenues of growth and maturity.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss standing through trials and temptations as avenues of growth and maturity from these Scriptures.

Gen. 39:7-20; 1 Sam. 1:1-28; Job 2:1-10; Matt. 4:1-11; Acts 7:54-60; 16:22-33; 2 Cor. 11:22-35.

2. Discuss the contemporary trials and temptations that have helped you grow and mature in your faith.

CONCLUSION

Trials and temptations are real. If we stand through them, we will grow and mature in our faith. May God help us to stand as we face trials and temptations.

STUDY 6 EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

TEXTS: Exo. 18:13-26; Eph. 4:11-16.

MEMORY VERSES

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works (2 Tim. 3:16, 17).

INTRODUCTION

God desires that every believer grows in their experience and expression of the Christ-life. He has therefore made provisions to equip believers in order to be more effective in ministry and their contribution to the body of Christ. In this study, we shall examine some of these provisions, and how we can apply them to our lives.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the provisions for the equipping of the believers from these passages:

Exo. 18:13-26; Dan. 9:2-4; Lk. 10:19, 20;

Acts 2:42-47; 18:24-28; Eph. 4:11-16; 1 Tim. 4:14;

2 Tim. 3:16, 17; Heb. 12:5-11; Jas. 1:2-4.

2. Share practical experiences of how you have been equipped.

CONCLUSION

God equips His saints in various ways. Let us therefore take advantage of these provisions for effectiveness in ministry and service to God.

STUDY 7 GODLY ASSOCIATION AND FELLOWSHIP

TEXTS: 2 Kgs. 2:1-15; Acts 2:41-47.

MEMORY VERSE

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed (Prov. 13:20).

INTRODUCTION

The kind of people we associate and fellowship with will determine the kind of persons we become in life. If we associate and fellowship with godly people, their lifestyle will rub off on us and we become more and more like them. This is also true if we associate with the wrong company. One way to grow unto maturity is by associating and fellowshipping with godly people.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What can we learn from the associations and fellowships that are demonstrated in these Scriptures? 1 Sam. 3:1-10; 2 Kgs. 2:1-15; Ps. 1:1-3;
 - Acts 2:41-47; 4:13; 12:1-16; 13:1-3; 18:24-28.
- 2. Discuss from personal experience, how godly association and fellowship have impacted your life.

CONCLUSION

Godly associations and fellowships are avenues of growth and maturity that God has made available to us. Let us not neglect these provisions.

STUDY 8 CHRISTIAN MATURITY I: CHARACTERISTICS TEXT: Col. 3:1-17.

MEMORY VERSE

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive (Eph. 4:14).

INTRODUCTION

Characteristics are features or qualities belonging typically to a person, place, or thing and serving to identify them. Characteristics of Christian maturity therefore are those features in the life of a Christian that show that he is mature. These characteristics form the focus of this study.

DISCUSSION QUESTION

What are the Characteristics of a mature Christian from these Scriptures?

Jn. 13:35; 1 Cor. 3:1-4; Gal. 5:22, 23; Phil. 4:4-9; Col. 3:1-17; Heb. 5:12-14. 1 Pet. 4:1-11.

CONCLUSION

We have seen some characteristics of Christian maturity. Which of these do you display, and which do you need to work on? May the Lord help us as we strive to be spiritually mature.

STUDY 9 CHRISTIAN MATURITY II: PROCESSES

TEXT: Heb. 5:12-6:3.

MEMORY VERSE

Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God (Heb. 6:1-2 ESV).

INTRODUCTION

Christian maturity is the process of becoming more like Jesus. Once we are saved, it is expected that we begin the process of growing unto maturity. This is an ongoing process and does not end in our time on earth. This study therefore, focuses on processes of becoming a mature Christian.

DISCUSSION QUESTION

What are some processes from the given Scriptures that help a Christian to become mature? Rom. 12:1, 2; Gal. 5:16-18, 22-26; Eph. 4:21-32;

Phil. 3:12-14; 1 Tim. 4:7,8; Heb. 5:12-6:3; Jas. 1:2-8; 1 Pet. 2:1, 2; 2 Pet. 1:3-11.

CONCLUSION

Christian maturity does not happen by chance. As God takes us through these processes, may we accept the changes that are necessary for our maturity.

STUDY 10 GROWING IN GRACE

TEXTS: Jn.1:14-17; 2 Tim. 2:1-7.

MEMORY VERSE

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen (2 Pet. 3:18).

INTRODUCTION

Anyone who has experienced the salvation of the Lord has experienced also His grace. His grace is a divine disposition that does not condemn or accuse but empowers one to appropriate God's resources and ways of life. As we appropriate this help in every area of our lives, we experience it in an increasing measure. This is what gives the believer the capacity to rejoice in necessities, persecutions and distresses for Christ's sake. Growing in grace is the focus of this study.

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Discuss growing in grace from the following Scriptures:

Jn. 1:14-17; Acts 20:32; 1 Cor. 15:9-11;

2 Cor. 8:1-9; 12:5-10; Eph. 4:7-15; 2 Tim. 2:1-7;

Tit. 2:11-14; Heb. 4:14-16; Jas. 4:6.

CONCLUSION

We grow in grace as we yield to the Lord's dealings. The more we yield to the Lord, the more we grow in grace and experience His manifestations. May the grace of our Lord be with us all.

STUDY 11 HINDRANCES TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH

TEXTS: Prov. 26:13-16; 1 Cor. 3:1-4.

MEMORY VERSE

For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? (1 Cor. 3:3).

INTRODUCTION

Hindrances are obstacles that impede progress and make it difficult for one to develop. There are several impediments that we will encounter in our walk with God that make it difficult for us to grow spiritually. We shall be considering some of these hindrances in this study.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss some hindrances to spiritual growth from the following Scriptures:

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Prov. 26:13-16; Hos. 4:6; 1 Cor. 3:1-4; Gal. 3:1-5; 2 Tim. 4:3, 4; Heb. 5:11; Jas. 4:4-6; Rev. 3:14-17.
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2. How can we overcome these hindrances? Rom. 12:1, 2, 11; Eph. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 2:15, 16; Jas. 4:7-10.

CONCLUSION

Hindrances to spiritual growth are real and diverse. However, the Lord has made provisions for us to overcome them. Therefore, let us throw away anything capable of hindering our spiritual growth.

STUDY 12 THE FULNESS OF CHRIST

TEXT: Eph. 4:7-16.

MEMORY VERSE

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ (Eph. 4:13).

INTRODUCTION

The goal of a Christian is to attain to the fulness of Christ. However, this does not come automatically as seen in previous studies. We must pursue maturity, grow in grace, and overcome hindrances. In this study, we shall focus on attaining the fulness of Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss what the fulness of Christ entails from the following Scriptures:

Jn. 1:16, 17; Eph. 1: 22, 23; 3:19; 4:7-16; Phil. 2:9-11; Col. 1:15-20; 2:9, 10.

2. How can we attain to the fulness of Christ? Rom. 14:13-23; Eph. 4:11-13; Phil. 2:5-8; 3:7-14; 2 Tim. 2:15; Heb. 10:24, 25; 12:1-6; 1 Jn. 5:1-5.

CONCLUSION

The fulness of Christ is God's ultimate goal for every believer and indeed, the body of Christ. May we be stirred up to godly living in order to attain to the full measure of the stature of Christ in all things. Amen.





SUB-THEME:

THE KINGDOM FAMILY

1 Pet. 2:9; Rev 5:10.

STUDY 1 UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM FAMILY

TEXTS: Gen. 2:18-25; Eph. 6:1-9.

MEMORY VERSE

For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him (Gen. 18:19).

INTRODUCTION

A family is a group of two or more persons related by birth, marriage or adoption. The kingdom family is first a family unit where its members have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and He reigns, has kingly rule, and sovereign control over them. It is imperative that as believers we understand the kingdom family so that we are guided to lead one.

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Discuss some characteristics of the kingdom family from the following Scriptures:

Gen. 2:18-25; 18:17-19; 35:1-7; Deut. 11:18-23;

Ps. 128:1-6; Acts 16:30-34; 18:24-26; Rom. 16:3-5;

Eph. 6:1-9; 2 Tim. 3:15.

CONCLUSION

The kingdom family is committed to the lordship of Jesus Christ and the fulfilment of God's purpose on earth.

STUDY 2 FAMILY SUPPORT SYSTEMS

Texts: Gen. 45:1-13, 1Tim. 5:3-10.

MEMORY VERSES

And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty (Gen. 12:11).

INTRODUCTION

God's intention is that as individuals and families (including local church assemblies), we are to find support or help for growth, stability, and overcome challenges. This includes: physical, emotional, financial and spiritual support, among others. Family support systems are those avenues within the family through which these helps are made available. In this study, we shall discuss family support systems.

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Discuss family support systems from these Scriptures:

Gen. 14:11-16; 45:1-13; Exo. 17:10-13; 18:13-27;

Ruth 2:1-3; 3:1-5; 1 Sam. 22:1-4; Dan. 2: 12-19, 47-49;

Acts 4: 32-37; 9:36-43.

CONCLUSION

We have seen some of the support systems that are available for family members. May we be open to giving and receiving them.

STUDY 3 FAMILY HARMONY

TEXTS: Gen. 2:18-25; 1 Cor.12:12-27.

MEMORY VERSE

And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty (Gen. 45:11).

INTRODUCTION

Harmony can be described as a composition of different elements coming together in agreement or accord. As believers in Christ, we must do everything to ensure that we promote family harmony so as to enjoy God's presence and one another. Family harmony is the focus of this study.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss how to promote family harmony in the following Scriptures:

Gen. 2:18-25; 24:67; Ps. 133:1-3; Prov. 5:15-19; Eccl. 9:9; Lk. 1:57-65; 1 Cor. 7:2-5; Eph. 5:21-25; 6:1-9; 1 Pet. 3:7-11.

2. What are some hindrances to family harmony? Gen. 3:12; 25:28; Prov. 5:20; Lk. 10:38-42; 1 Cor.12:12-27.

CONCLUSION

God desires that there should be harmony in the family. To enjoy harmonious relationship in our homes, every member must play their part to see that this is actualized. May we be spurred on to promote this sense of team spirit and symbiotic coexistence.

STUDY 4 PREJUDICE AND FORGIVENESS

TEXTS: Gen. 45:1-15; Matt. 18:15-35.

MEMORY VERSE

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" (Matt. 18:21).

INTRODUCTION

Prejudice is a preconceived judgement or opinion leading to an unreasonable dislike or preference for a person. Forgiveness, on the other hand, is to pardon somebody for a wrong committed. Prejudice weakens and destroys the very fabric of the family while forgiveness builds, fosters love, unity and progress in the family.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss prejudice and its effects from the following Scriptures:

Gen. 25:24-28; 27:41-45; 37:1-5, 18-28; Acts 6:1; 11:1-18; Gal. 2:11-18.

2. Discuss forgiveness from the following Scriptures: Gen. 45:1-15; Matt. 18:15-35; Lk. 15:11-32.

CONCLUSION

Prejudice is damaging to the family, but forgiveness is paramount in building a kingdom family. May we appropriate the grace to forgive and avoid prejudice.

STUDY 5 THE DEVOTION OF A KINGDOM FAMILY

TEXT: Deut. 6:1-15.

MEMORY VERSES

Therefore shall ye lay up my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up (Deut. 11:18, 19).

INTRODUCTION

Devotion to God is the demonstration of love, loyalty and zeal for Him. In practical terms, this includes the enthusiasm to carry out His commands and the willingness to serve him. It is expected that every kingdom family be devoted to God. This is evident in the way and manner the family orders its day to day living in fulfilment of God's purpose. This devotion therefore becomes their personal investment of time and substance, and a way of life for the family.

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Discuss the devotion of a Kingdom family from the following Bible references:

Gen.18:17-19; 35:1-5; Deut. 6:1-15; 1 Chron. 25:1-7; Isa. 58:6, 7; Acts 2:46; 5:42; 21:8, 9; Rom. 16:3-5; Heb. 10:24, 25.

CONCLUSION

The place of devotion in a Kingdom family is key in perpetuating the commands of the Lord in families, society and on earth. May we be devoted to the Lord and bring glory to His name.

STUDY 6 LOVE THAT DISCIPLINES

TEXT: Heb. 12:5-11.

MEMORY VERSES

My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth (Prov. 3:11, 12).

INTRODUCTION

Discipline is the practice of training people to obey a code of behaviours by correcting disobedience using punishment. Oftentimes, love is misunderstood as having deep affection or feeling towards somebody without taking into consideration the aspect of discipline. In the family, the true expression of love requires that erring individuals are disciplined in order to be trained in kingdom principles. In this study we shall be looking at what love that disciplines entails.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss what "love that disciplines" entails from these Scriptures:

Prov. 3:11, 12; 13:24; 19:18; 22:6,15; 23:13, 14; 29:15, 1 Tim. 5:20; Heb. 12:5-11.

2. Discuss the consequences of love without discipline in our contemporary times.

CONCLUSION

True love must not only be one that is emotional, but one that also disciplines. May we discipline ourselves in love.

STUDY 7 RAISING KINGS AND PRIESTS

TEXTS: Judg. 13:1-13; Rev. 5:8-10.

MEMORY VERSE

And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth (Rev. 5:10).

INTRODUCTION

Kings and priests are men endowed by God with power, dominion, and influence. To perpetuate God's relationship with man, believers are divinely mandated to raise godly offspring that should wield spiritual authority by pointing men to God, and establishing righteousness, justice and equity in their dealings with men on earth. Raising kings and priests is the focus of this study.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss raising kings and priests from the following Scriptures:

Gen. 1:26-28; 17:1-9; 18:19; Judg. 13:1-13; 1 Sam. 1:20-28; Prov. 22:6; 31:1-9; Lk. 2:41, 42; Eph. 6:1-4; 2 Tim. 1:5-7; Rev. 5:8-10.

2. What are the consequences of not raising priests and kings? 1 Sam. 3:11-14; Prov. 29:15.

CONCLUSION

As we receive the gift of children from God, we must dedicate them to Him and train them to be kings and priests unto God.

STUDY 8 ESTABLISHING KINGDOM PRINCIPLES AT HOME TEXT: Prov. 31:10-30.

MEMORY VERSE

"But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:15).

INTRODUCTION

Kingdom principles are biblical values and disciplines that are upheld by believers. These principles are to be practised and taught in the home. This way, succeeding generations will learn to fear the Lord and keep His ways. In this study we shall look at establishing kingdom principles at home.

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Discuss establishing kingdom principles at home from these Scriptures:

Gen. 24:1-7; 35:1-7; Deut. 11:18-21; Josh. 24:15; Prov. 22:6; 31:10-30; Lk. 15:18-32; 1 Cor. 7:1-5; 1 Pet. 3:1-9;1 Jn. 3:11-18.

CONCLUSION

Establishing godly principles in the home does not happen by chance, but by deliberate efforts of the parents to inculcate these values both formally and informally in the family. May we be faithful in carrying out this mandate.

STUDY 9 FIGHTING FOR YOUR FAMILY TEXTS: Neh. 4:7-14; Acts 12:1-17.

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MEMORY VERSE

And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses (Neh. 4:14).

INTRODUCTION

The family is constantly under attack from the devil and the world system. Indeed, the Christian family is Satan's prime target. However, God expects every member of the family to fight and protect one another and the family unit against the several devices of the enemy. Fighting for your family is the focus of this study.

DISCUSSION QUESTION

What does it mean to fight for your family from these Scriptures?

Gen. 14:11-16; 1 Sam. 30:1-18; 2 Kgs. 4:1-7; Neh. 4:7-14; Esth. 4:1-17; Acts 11:27-30; 12:1-17.

CONCLUSION

There are different ways God expects us to fight for our family: training, provision, availability, prayer, and so on. May we be willing to fight for our family.

STUDY 10 PASSING ON THE FAITH

TEXTS: Jer. 35:1-10; 2 Tim. 1:1-6.

MEMORY VERSE

When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also (2 Tim. 1:5).

INTRODUCTION

Passing on the faith is a task every Christian family should desire. The family is the primary place where faith is transferred from one generation to another and God's expectation is that we do the same.

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Discuss passing on the faith and the benefits from the given Scriptures:

Gen. 18:17-19; 1 Sam. 3:1-10; Ps. 78:1-8; Prov. 22:6; Jer. 35:1-10; Acts 18:24-28; 2 Tim. 1:1-6; 2:2; 3:10-15.

CONCLUSION

We must be deliberate in carrying out this task of passing on the faith to our children and those that the Lord will bring unto us. May we receive grace to do this faithfully.

STUDY 11 ADOPTION IN THE FAMILY

TEXTS: Esth. 2:5-7; Eph. 1:3-6.

MEMORY VERSE

And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter (Esth. 2:7).

INTRODUCTION

Adoption is the act of taking up the parenting of an individual, usually a child, from the biological or legal parent(s). Adoption could be formal or informal. Formal adoption may involve legal processes leading to the transfer of rights, responsibilities and lineage from the biological parents to the adoptive parents. Similarly, through God's love and mercy, the believer has been adopted and accepted into the family of God. Believers can also extend this love through adoption of individuals into their families. In this study, we shall look at adoption in the family.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Discuss adoption in the family from the following Scriptures: Gen. 12:4, 5; 48:5; Exo. 2:5-10; Esth. 2:5-7; Rom. 8:14-17; Gal. 4:4-7; Eph. 1:3-6.
- 2. What are some contemporary challenges to adoption in the family?

CONCLUSION

Adoption is a biblical concept. We have seen examples of both physical and spiritual adoption in Scriptures. As Christians, let us be open to both options.

STUDY 12 CHALLENGES OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

TEXTS: Gen. 3:1-13; Lk. 1:5-7.

MEMORY VERSES

And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years (Lk. 1:6,7).

INTRODUCTION

The Christian family is not devoid of challenges. The family was the first institution that the devil attacked in the Garden of Eden. Since that time, the Christian family has faced several challenges. However, God has made a way to overcome these challenges for His children. This study focuses on some of these challenges and how we can overcome them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss some challenges in the Christian family from these Scriptures:

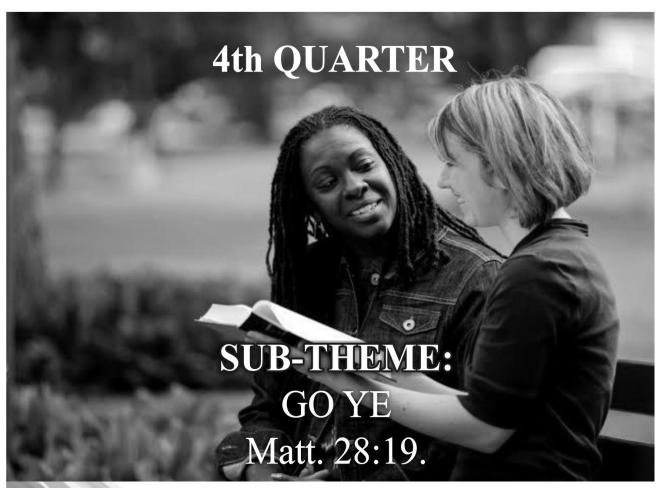
Gen. 3:1-13; 16:1-6; 25:27, 28; 26:1; 2 Sam. 6:20-23; 2 Kgs. 4:1; Matt. 19:3-9; Lk. 10:38-42; 12:13-15.

2. How can we overcome these challenges?

CONCLUSION

The Christian family is faced with a myriad of challenges. The family can overcome these challenges by trusting and relying on Jesus Christ. Let us walk in this victory that Jesus has given us in order to overcome all challenges.





STUDY 1 OUR MISSION ON EARTH

TEXTS: Gen. 1:26-30; 2 Cor. 5:14-21.

MEMORY VERSE

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God (2 Cor. 5:20).

INTRODUCTION

God created the first man Adam, with a definite mission on the earth. He was to reflect God's nature, multiply, fill and take charge of the earth. However, man by sin fell short of this divine mandate. God did not give up on man but redeemed him by the man Jesus Christ, who has also become the last Adam. By God's redemption, He has committed to man a clear mandate and commission with which to occupy till He comes.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Discuss our mission on earth from these Scriptures: Gen. 1:26-30; Jer. 1:4-10; Matt. 5:13-16; 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 3:9-15; 2 Cor. 5:14-21; Eph. 2:4-10; 3:7-12; 4:11-16.
- 2. Discuss some hindrances to accomplishing our mission and how to overcome them.

CONCLUSION

We have been commissioned to work with God in His redemptive plan for the world. Let us arise and go about this mission with zeal and commitment.

STUDY 2 EMPOWERMENT FOR EVANGELISM

TEXT: Acts 2:1-6, 36-40.

MEMORY VERSE

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

INTRODUCTION

In the previous study, we considered our mission on earth. In this study, we are looking at empowerment for evangelism. Evangelism is the sharing of the goodnews of man's redemption from eternal destruction in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit empowers every believer, and not just evangelists or pastors for this great work. He confirms the word preached and brings conviction to the hearts of men.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss empowerment for evangelism from these Scriptures:

Acts 2:1-6, 36-40; 8:29-40; 10:38-48; 13:1-12; 16:6-10; 1 Cor. 2:1-5; 2 Tim. 1:6-8.

2. Share how the Holy Spirit helped you in sharing the gospel.

CONCLUSION

God has anointed us to preach the gospel. Let us therefore go out and evangelise the world.

STUDY 3 ATTITUDE TOWARDS FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION

TEXTS: 1 Cor. 9:16-23; 2 Tim. 4:1-5.

MEMORY VERSES

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen (Matt. 28:19, 20).

INTRODUCTION

The Great Commission is not for a select few but for every child of God. Every Christian is commanded to be involved in reaching the world for Christ. This should be done with the right attitude. In this study, we shall examine what should be our attitude in fulfilling the Great Commission.

DISCUSSION QUESTION

What should be the attitude of a Christian to the Great Commission from these verses?

Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 10:29, 30; Lk. 10:1-5, 17-20; Jn. 9:4, 5; Acts 4:8-21; Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 9:16-23.

CONCLUSION

The great commission is the heart beat of God. We should do it with all sense of responsibility, urgency, fervency and joy.

STUDY 4 CONTENT OF OUR MESSAGE

TEXTS: Rom. 10:6-13; 1 Cor. 15:1-5.

MEMORY VERSE

But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and the Greeks foolishness (1 Cor. 1:23).

INTRODUCTION

Content is something that is expressed through some medium such as speech, writing or any art directed towards an end-user or audience. As Christians, God has mandated us to go and preach the gospel. However, the content of our message must be clear enough to elicit the requisite and appropriate response. This study focuses on the content of our message.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Discuss the content of our message from these Scriptures: Acts 2:34-38; 4:10-12; 17:30, 31; Rom. 1:15-17; 10:6-13; 1 Cor. 1:17-24; 15:1-5; Col. 1:26-29; 1 Tim. 3:16.
- 2. What are some of the distortions to the content of our message in contemporary times?

CONCLUSION

Christ is the content of our message. He came, was crucified for our sins, rose from the dead and is coming back to receive those who believe in Him. May we do our part while awaiting His soon return.

STUDY 5 STRATEGIES FOR EVANGELISM

TEXT: Jn. 4:3-30.

MEMORY VERSE

To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some (1 Cor. 9:22).

INTRODUCTION

Evangelism for a believer is a deliberate mission undertaken with the goal of making disciples for the Lord Jesus. For this mission to be effective, there are strategies that should be deployed. These relate to preparations and methods of operations. We shall look at some of these strategies in this study.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss from the following Scriptures the strategies for evangelism:

Matt. 5:16; Lk. 4:40-44; 10:1-11; Jn. 4:3-30; Acts 1:4-8; 17:22-31; Rom. 15:20, 21; 1 Cor. 3:5-9; 2 Tim. 4:2.

2. Discuss some contemporary strategies for evangelism.

CONCLUSION

There are different strategies for evangelism. We must however be sensitive to the Holy Spirit to know which of them deploy at any given time in any given situation. May the Lord help us to be strategic in evangelism.

STUDY 6 EVANGELISM: FEAR NOT

TEXT: Matt. 10:25-33.

MEMORY VERSE

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (Matt. 10:28).

INTRODUCTION

Fear is an unpleasant emotion caused by an anticipation or awareness of danger. God has mandated every Christian to go into all the world and preach the gospel. However, there are several oppositions, difficulties, and challenges that often elicit fear in the heart of the Christian. The Bible is explicit both in encouraging and commanding us not to cave in to fear. Fear not while preaching the gospel is the focus of this study.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Discuss the effect of fear during evangelism from these verses: Jer. 1:5-8; Matt. 10:16-19, 25-33; Jn. 12:41-43; Rom. 1:16; 1 Pet. 3:14; Rev. 2:10.
- 2. How can we overcome fear in preaching the gospel according to these Scriptures? Ps. 27:1; Jer. 1:9, 10; Matt. 10:19, 20; 28:18-20; 1 Pet. 3:15-17; Heb. 13:5, 6.

CONCLUSION

Whatever may constitute fear in our hearts has been dealt with by the Lord Jesus. There is no basis for fear in preaching the gospel. Therefore, let us go out boldly and preach the gospel.

STUDY 7 PROFESSIONAL PLATFORMS AS OUR PULPITS

TEXTS: Exo. 31:1-11; Acts 20:33-35.

MEMORY VERSES

And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers. And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks (Acts 18:3, 4).

INTRODUCTION

A Profession is a field of study that needs a high level of training and skill, while a pulpit is a platform used to propagate messages. God has called his children into diverse professions and expects them to be witnesses for Him in these fields of endeavours. How we use our professional platforms in disseminating the gospel is the focus of this study.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss how to use professional platforms as pulpit from these Scriptures:

Exo. 1:15-17; 31:1-11; Judg. 4:4, 5; Acts 18:1-4; 20:33-35; 1 Thess. 2:9-12; 2 Thess. 3:7-10.

2. Discuss from personal experiences how you have used your profession to preach the gospel.

CONCLUSION

It is clear from this study that our professional platforms are pulpits from which we are expected to witness for Christ. May we be found doing so.

STUDY 8 DISCIPLESHIP

TEXTS: Matt. 28:16-20; Lk. 9:23-26.

MEMORY VERSES

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of age. Matt. 28:19, 20(NIV).

INTRODUCTION

Discipleship is the process of making someone become like Christ. It is a life-long process of systematic, progressive, intentional and cumulative impartation of godly values. In discipleship, a mature believer undertakes to nurture and train a younger believer to grow unto maturity under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss what discipleship entails from the following Scriptures:

Matt. 4:18-22; 11:28-30; 28:16-20; Mk. 3:13-15; 6:30-34; Lk. 6:40; 9:23-26; 11:1; Jn. 8:31, 32; 15:8-10; 2 Tim. 2:2-5; 3:14-17; Heb. 12:6-13; 1 Pet. 2:21-23.

2. In the light of the above, what should our response be?

CONCLUSION

Discipleship is a very important means by which God makes his children to be fruitful, learn discipline and operate in His will. May we not be found wanting in our participation in this all-important responsibility.

STUDY 9 CROSS-CULTURAL MISSIONS

TEXTS: 1 Chron. 16:24-33; Acts 17:1-34.

MEMORY VERSES

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen (Matt. 28:19, 20).

INTRODUCTION

Cross-cultural missions is taking the gospel of Christ from one tribe, language, ethnicity, culture, community and nation across the borders of another. This can be geographical (travelling to another land) or residential (living among different tribes in a locality). It involves a deliberate and conscious effort to break through barriers placed by men through tradition, culture, language, norms, ethnicity, remoteness and exposure in order to win them for Christ. Cross-cultural missions is the focus of this study.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the purpose of cross-cultural missions from these Scriptures?

1 Chron. 16:24-33; Lk. 24:46-48; Jn. 12:31, 32; Acts 1:8; 15:13-21; 17:16-34; Rom. 10:11-17.

2. What are some challenges to cross-cultural missions from these Scriptures?

Acts 14:8-18; 15:1-12; 17:1-15; 2 Cor. 10:1-11.

3. What opportunities of cross-cultural ministry are available to you where you live and work?

CONCLUSION

Cross-cultural missions afford us the opportunities to extend the glory of God to other cultures. However, it can be tasking, risky, and sometimes humiliating. May the Lord give us the burden as we seek to reach out to people of other cultures with the gospel.

STUDY 10 THE SOON COMING KING

TEXT: Rev. 19:11-16.

MEMORY VERSE

Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen (Rev. 1:7).

INTRODUCTION

God in His redemptive plan for mankind left His throne in heaven and came down to earth in the person of Jesus Christ. He paid the price for our redemption by His death and resurrection; He ascended into heaven where He is seated at the right hand of Majesty. He is coming again soon to take His people home to reign with Him forever. The soon coming King is the focus of this study.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Discuss the soon coming King from the following Scriptures: Ps. 24:7-10; Isa. 40:9-11; Mk. 14:60-62; 1Thess. 4:13-18; Rev. 19:11-16.
- 2. What should be our response to the fact that the King is coming soon from these Scriptures? Isa. 35:3-5; Jn. 14:1-4; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 2 Pet. 3:1-18; Rev. 3:11; 22:20.

CONCLUSION

The coming of the King will be sooner than expected. Let us be wise in watching and waiting for the coming of the King.

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