

Mens and Womens Bible Study

As our kids get settled back in school, let's get ourselves plugged into Bible Study. Women will be studying the book of Romans and can choose from morning or evening on Tuesdays. Men you will be studying another in the series 33 called "A Man and His Traps" Visit our sign up page to register!



ENCOUNTER JESUS

Week 2 | HEAVEN'S LIGHT INTO EARTH'S DARKNESS | John 1:6-18

THE INCARNATION OF THE WORD OF GOD WAS THE INVASION OF GOD'S FULNESS ONTO EARTH TO BRING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN INTO THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE.

D-Day is considered the greatest military invasion in world history. The sheer numbers convey that as fact; 156,000 soldiers, 7,000 ships, not to mention 2,400 aircraft. This military effort was unparalleled in its scope and unmatched in its purpose. This marked the beginning of the end for the Nazi stranglehold over Europe. Victory on this day meant the victory of truth over lies, freedom over tyranny, and light breaking through great darkness. If that is true for D-Day, how much more for the incarnation of The Word of God? In Christ, the fulness of God invaded earth, bringing the kingdom of heaven into the lives of all who would believe in Him. This is precisely what is unpacked by John in these verses. The ineffable, Almighty God came in the flesh to dwell among us, bringing the divine rescue and adoption to those who would believe. The Spirit couldn't have inspired John with more beautiful words than these when he said, "And the Word became flesh and has dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory."

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



PRAY (10 min)

As a Life Group, take time to reflect and pray over this weekend's message. Spend some time in prayer, thanking God that you are His child, and pray that there would be more in Las Vegas and the world who would believe. Pray for the people in the neighborhood where your Life Group meets.



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. Sometimes the rescue of Christ is described in future terms. In other words, what He will do in our life when we go to heaven someday, will be amazing. But the incarnation plainly tells us that heaven has invaded earth and taken up residence in the present life of the Christian through Jesus.

Pick someone in your group and share how you see heaven shining through their life.

2. Jesus is the most controversial person in human history. His person, purpose, and message demand a response, "Yes or No." **Read John 3:19-21 and explain why people turn away from Christ.**

**JESUS IS EITHER LUNATIC, LIAR OR LORD.
- C.S. LEWIS**

3. Derek described grace as a pipeline of God's riches that flow freely through faith in Christ. **Describe how God's grace has impacted your life. What riches of God do you access through His grace? Include verses and life examples. Encourage each other in this.**

4. How blessed are you to be a child of God?

Spend some time discussing how and why you are blessed.

IN LOVE HE PREDESTINED US FOR ADOPTION TO HIMSELF AS SONS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO THE PURPOSE OF HIS WILL, TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORIOUS GRACE, WITH WHICH HE HAS BLESSED US IN THE BELOVED.

EPHESIANS 1:5-6



WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE

1 John 3:1

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.



REACH (5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, rely on His grace for a specific need that you have. Connect this with a Scripture verse about grace and stand on God's promise expecting Him to come through for you.

We will be waiting with anticipation to hear how God's grace met your need.