



Ministry at Home



Family Devotional for Wednesday, July 8, 15, & 22

Note for Parents: You are doing an awesome job!!! There's obviously a lot of things that could be fighting for your attention and the attention of your family, but it says a lot about you and your dedication to being a Godly parent that you are taking time to do this quick study with your family. This is where ministry really happens! Thank you from everyone here at Robinson Ave.

Instructions: Pray together to start. Read each scripture as a family. Some thoughts on the scripture and discussion questions have been provided below. These are there if you want to use them, but feel free to go wherever the conversation takes you. The important thing is to simply sit and talk about the Word of God for a little while. This is your class so lead it as you see fit. Close in prayer.

THIS IS A 3-WEEK STUDY meant to last from July 8-22.

Three Ways that God Is Enough

Part 1: A Relationship with God is Enough
July 8, 2020

Scripture: Psalm 63

Thoughts: This poem was written by David before he was the King of Israel. When he wrote it, he was in the middle of one of the darkest times of his life. He had been rich, a high ranking military man, an advisor to King Saul, best friend to Saul's son and husband to Saul's daughter, loved by the people, and favored by God himself. However, when King Saul turned on David, all of those things were ripped away from him.

Our lives are busy too. We care about a lot of things and we give our time, resources, and emotional energy to many different causes like David. God is hopefully somewhere in the mix. He is there along with everything else we fill our lives with, but what happens when everything else gets stripped away and our relationship with God is all we have left? That's the question David had to answer, and his response is what we just read in Psalm 63.

Discussion Questions:

1. Can you live a fruitful and fulfilled life when God is the only thing you have?
2. Has anything important to you been taken away from you over the last few months?
 - a. Has that absence caused a change, shift, or realization about your relationship with God?
3. Is God enough for you?

Part 2: What God Provides is Enough
July 15, 2020

Scripture: Matthew 6:19-34

Thoughts: The scripture above tells us to store our treasures in heaven rather than here on Earth. There's an obvious challenge with that though. If we are storing up treasures for eternity, how do we live in the here and now. We have to depend on God. Depending on God has a lot to do with relinquishing control. Think of holding onto something. The tighter you grip onto whatever you're holding onto, it becomes more and more difficult for anything else to be placed in your hands. It's the same with God. If we start to loosen our grip, God can put other things in our hands.

"One by one he took them from me, all the things I valued most, until I was empty-handed. Every glittering toy was lost, and I walked Earth's highways grieving, in my rags and poverty, until I heard His voice inviting, 'Lift your empty hands to me.' So I turned my hands toward heaven, and He filled them with a store of His own transcendent riches until they could contain no more. Then at last I comprehended, with my stupored mind and dull, that God could not pour His riches into hands already full."

Discussion Questions:

1. Is there anything you are holding onto that you need to stop trying to control and give over to God?
2. God will provide for you both physically and spiritually. What do you need from God that we can pray about?

Part 3: God's Grace is Enough
July 22, 2020

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Thoughts: We all have a figurative "thorn in the flesh." We may fight and try to change it or we may just accept it as a permanent part of our lives. We may even see it as an opportunity for God to work through our weakness. We are not perfect people, but we are in a relationship with a God who is perfect. Jesus, the picture of purity and perfection, died for us so his blood could cover us and make us perfect in God's eyes. God gives us grace as we wrestle with our thorn in the flesh, and when all is said and done, God looks at us and sees a child covered in the cleansing blood of Jesus. In fact, God is glorified in our struggle. The grace given through Jesus is enough for God to forgive and welcome us in. Is it enough for us though? Can we wrestle with our thorn knowing we are covered in the purifying blood of Jesus?

Discussion Questions:

1. What is your “thorn in the flesh?”
2. How do you view your thorn? Do you resent it, accept as a part of life, or try to learn from it?
 - a. Has anything good ever happened because of your thorn?
3. How can God work through your thorn?
4. How can we pray for you as you struggle with your thorn?