

TIPS FOR CHRISTIAN LIFE



Walking with Jesus as a pilgrim on the way to heaven.....

Bible Study Light studies are designed to:

- Build relationship among participants.
- Seek ways to apply the Bible to daily living.
- Discover the Bible is an 'open' book.
- Explore God's great love for us in the Gospel.

Today's Topic: Christ - The Beginning, The End

TEACHER GUIDE

Suggested Song: (to be sung or use 1 or more stanzas as an opening prayer)

Jesus, Name Above All Names LYRICS BY NAIDA HEARN

Jesus, Name above all names, Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord, Immanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

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King of Kings, the Bright and Morning Star, Alpha, Omega, Almighty God,
Lord of Lords, Offspring of David, Lion of Judah, Son of God.

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Messiah, Shepherd of Israel, Mighty Deliverer, the Great I Am,
Jehovah, my Master and Teacher, Wonderful Counselor, Pascal Lamb.

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The Master's Teaching - We Learn from Jesus' words & example.

THE MAIN IDEA IN THIS SECTION IS TO BEGIN TO GET A LARGER PICTURE OF JUST WHO JESUS CHRIST REALLY IS BASED ON WHAT JESUS SAYS AND DOES SO WE MIGHT LOOK TO HIM AS THE CENTER OF ALL OF LIFE – OUR BEGINNING AND OUR END.

In your small group....

Consider some of the ways Jesus describes Himself in the following passages:

"Son of Man"

Matthew 8:20 - JESUS IS HOMELESS! JESUS HAS NO 'PLACE' IN OUR WORLD.

Matthew 9:2-7 - JESUS DOES HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO FORGIVE SINS! WHAT POWER!

Matthew 11:18-19 - JESUS IS ACCUSED OF BEING A SINNER (DRUNKARD & GLUTTON & EVIL PERSON), BUT IS IN TRUTH THE WISDOM OF GOD!

Matthew 16:13-20 - JESUS IS THE CHRIST – THE MESSIAH – THE ANOINTED ONE OF GOD

Matthew 20:17-19 - JESUS PREDICTS HIS SUFFERING, DEATH AND RESURRECTION.

Matthew 20:25-28 - SERVANT AND SAVIOR – GIVING HIS LIFE FOR US.

Matthew 25:31-32 - COMING AGAIN AS JUDGE.

Mark 14:60-62 - AS CHRIST (MESSIAH, ANOINTED ONE) AND COMING AGAIN IN GLORY.

Other Names - Jesus applies what names to Himself in these passages....

Mark 5:19 - JESUS CALLS HIMSELF 'LORD' WHEN SPEAKING TO A GENTILE.

Revelation 1:9-18 - THE FIRST AND THE LAST, THE LIVING ONE (WAS DEAD, NOW ALIVE FOREVER), HOLDER OF THE KEYS OF DEATH AND HELL

Revelation 22:12-16 - ALPHA AND OMEGA, FIRST AND LAST, BEGINNING AND END (NOTE: THIS IS THREE (WE HAVE A TRIUNE GOD) WAYS OF SAYING THE SAME THING {ALPHA = BEGINNING OF GREEK ALPHABET, OMEGA = END OF GREEK ALPHABET}); ROOT AND OFFSPRING OF DAVID (DAVID'S ORIGIN AND DAVID'S FINAL SON); MORNING STAR

As you consider Jesus Names, what He says of Himself and what He does.....

Who is He? SHOULD BE APPARENT THAT HE IS GOD! TRUE MAN. TRUE GOD.

What does that mean for us? PERSONAL APPLICATION BEGINS HERE. ENCOURAGE CLASS MEMBERS TO PERSONALIZE THIS ANSWER, NOT JUST GIVE A GENERAL ANSWER.

God's Support for this Activity in our Christian Life - God's grace is sufficient!

Read John 1:1-5, 10-11. What is the relationship between Christ and all of creation?
JESUS CREATED IT ALL. ALL THAT EXISTS WAS CREATED THROUGH HIM!

Read Psalm 139:13-16. What is the relationship of Christ to my personal creation and the days of my life?
JESUS WAS ALSO INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN MY CREATION AND SEES MY LIFE SPREAD OUT BEFORE HIM.

Read Colossians 3:1-4. What is the relationship between Christ and the hope of heaven we share as Christians?
JESUS CHRIST IS OUR VERY LIFE - NOW AND ETERNALLY.

So What? {A way to apply these ideas to Christian living....}

IF it is true that all I am and all I hope for is found in Christ alone, what does that mean for daily living?
NOTE THAT THIS IS A **CONDITIONAL** STATEMENT...IF TRUE, THEN ???

Consider Matthew 6:24-34. How might this statement of Jesus add to or change your answer to the last question?
CHRIST AND HIS FATHER'S KINGDOM MUST BE AT THE CENTER OF OUR LIVES.

Now read Luke 9:23-26. What does this statement of Jesus add?
JESUS ASKS FOR OUR ABSOLUTE LOYALTY AND ALLEGIANCE.

Prayerfully consider one (1) habit or attitude you would like to invite Jesus to change in your life in the coming year on the basis of this study. Will you ask our Lord to do this in your life?
PERSONAL APPLICATION - INCLUDING WILLINGNESS TO LET GOD WORK.

How might Revelation 22:1-6 be an encouragement in the struggle of living more fully as a disciple of Jesus Christ? How might we use these words to encourage one another?
AT THE END OF THE DAY, LIFE WILL BE SO AWESOME AND GOOD FOREVER!!! - SO SACRIFICE NOW IS HARDLY WORTH CONSIDERING.

Closing Prayer