

# 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: Living in Covenant**

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

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride.  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet on o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore,  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

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**Covenant:** *n.* the promise made by God to humanity and the relationship it established, as described in the Bible. Webster's New World Dictionary, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed.

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

In your small group....

**Read Luke 22:15-20.** What is Jesus establishing? If there is a 'new covenant', what does this imply?

**Read Matthew 5:17-18.** What reference does Jesus make to the 'old covenant' in this passage?

What does it mean to be part of the New Covenant community?

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

| <b>A Brief Look at Covenant</b>  |  |
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| <b>Old Covenant</b>  | <b>New Covenant</b>  |
| <b>Exodus 19:5</b><br>Gods' design was for Israel to be a kingdom of....                           | <b>1 Peter 2:9</b><br>God's design for Christians is that we be...   |
| <b>Exodus 20:1-17</b><br>God speaks about how the community is to function.....                    | <b>John 13:34-35</b><br>Jesus speaks about how the community is to function.....                           |
| <b>Deuteronomy 6:1-13</b><br>Follow God....do what He says....                                     | <b>John 14:6 &amp; 15</b><br>Follow Jesus....do what He says....   |
| <b>Deuteronomy 29:9-13</b><br>God promises blessing to those who are faithful to the covenant..... | <b>1 Corinthians 4:1-3</b><br>We are called to be faithful with all that is entrusted to us in Christ..... |

**Read Jeremiah 31:31-34.** What is God saying here? What is predicted?

How is **Ezekiel 16:59-62** similar? What promise is added?

**Read Galatians 4:21-31.** What case is Paul making here? What does it mean for us today?

What promises are found in **Hebrews 9:14-15**?

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

**Read Hebrews 12:1-3.** What are we encouraged to do as God's covenant people?

What perspective does **1 Corinthians 12:12-13** add?

What are the implications of these passages for daily life?

Closing Prayer