

Let's Talk: Day 239

Today's Reading: Acts 14 / Family Focus: verses 8-20

Discuss with your family some of the gifts and/or talents God has given you. God has blessed us with our gifts and talents for His glory, not our personal pleasure. It is important to stay humble and realize that all we are and all we have comes only from God.

Questions:

1. Who did the people of Lystra call Paul? Why did they give Barnabas the name they did?
2. What did Paul and Barnabas do that caused the people of Lystra to want to worship them?
3. Why were Paul and Barnabas so upset about the praise from the people?
4. Have you ever been praised for a gift God has given you and you felt that it was inappropriate?

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Today's Reading: Acts 15 / Family Focus: verses 6-18

As an individual or as a family define the word grace. Webster's Dictionary defines it as: "unmerited divine assistance given humans for their regeneration or sanctification." Compare your thoughts with Webster's definition, and with how the Bible defines grace. Think of this acronym: **God's Riches At Christ's Expense**.

Questions:

1. By what are the Gentile's hearts purified?
2. What will God rebuild?
3. Why is grace through faith unique to Christianity?
4. What works do we need to attain salvation? Why?

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Today's Reading: Acts 16 / Family Focus: verses 22-34

Watch with your family Brian Littrell singing In Christ Alone here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Sgk8qStNRY&feature=related>

The jailer from the Bible passage found Jesus and was saved along with his whole family. It was the unfair circumstances of Paul and Silas that allowed a jailer to meet Jesus. Have you ever thought that you might be in a hard trial so that someone in your world might meet Jesus?

Questions:

1. Who was in jail singing and praying?
2. What happened after the earthquake?
3. Do you think it is common for one member of a family to believe in Jesus and then the whole family believes in Him? Why or why not?
4. Do you know who in your family was the first to accept Christ as their Savior? Dad? Mom? Grandfather? Grandmother?

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Today's Reading: Acts 17 / Family Focus: verses 22-29

Name some monuments that you may have heard of or seen in your state or in Washington DC. What are some common characteristics of monuments? The altar in today's passage is similar to a monument; both represent an important person or event in history.

Questions:

1. What was the title listed on one of the altars?
2. Paul found that altar on a walk and used it to bring Jesus to the people. What can you use in your daily life to make a connection between your peers and Jesus?
3. Does God dwell in temples or anything else man-made?
4. What can we do to remember God?

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Today's Reading: Acts 18 / Family Focus: verses 5-11

Discuss with your family your history with your church (how long have you attended, were you baptized there, any other memories of your church). Church is much more than a building. It is the people in it who come together with a common goal and belief in God.

Questions:

1. Who did Paul go see after the Jews opposed him?
2. How did God speak to Paul?
3. Why did you decide to come to your church?
4. What makes your church "home" for you and your family?

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Today's Reading: Amos 9 / Family Focus: verses 11-12

Today's reading is referenced from Day 241 in Acts 15 and talks about rebuilding. Kids in our current generation learn better when we involve more than one of their senses. To bring our passage to life, use a couple decks of cards to build a tower. Divide your family in half and see which team can build the tallest tower.

Questions:

1. What will God do to the tabernacle of David?
2. What people group is the "tabernacle of David" and what is God's plan for them?
3. Is there anything in your life that you feel is in ruins? If so, pray for God to rebuild it.
4. Is there any area in your life that feels like enemies have control? Again, pray that God would help you take back that ground.

Let's Talk: Day 245

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: Which Jewish group does not believe in resurrection?

As we study through Acts, we are constantly reading about life change. As a family, make a short video testimony of how Jesus has changed your life. We would love to hear it! Send a copy to stories@grace.org.