

Let's Talk: Day 281-Whole Bible

Jesus' Sending of More Disciples – Sending 70+ More, the Good Samaritan, & Mary/Martha

Today's Reading: Luke 10; Matthew 9:35-38; Matthew 6:25-34

Live out the Good Samaritan story and think of someone who wouldn't expect help from you but needs it. Do something for them and pray for them.

Questions:

1. What instructions does Jesus give the 70? What are they to do if the people reject their message? What can we learn from that?
2. Whatever you might accomplish on earth (even if it is spiritual), in what should you rejoice more?
3. Based on the Good Samaritan story, how do you define a neighbor? Are you a good neighbor?
4. What is the one good thing that Mary chose to do? Why was this hard for Martha? Are you more of a Mary or a Martha? Why?

Let's Talk: Day 282

Jesus' Ministry at the Feast of Tabernacles – Arriving Secretly & the Water of the Spirit

Today's Reading: John 7; Isaiah 44:1-8; Isaiah 55

Jesus is called a great teacher. Have each family member share who is their favorite teacher from school and why. Why did people say Jesus was a great teacher?

Questions:

1. What did people think about Jesus in today's reading? Did they believe in Him or doubt Him or both? How is this the same today?
2. The Pharisees were the religious leaders who knew the Scriptures. How could they miss who Jesus was or why did they reject Him?

3. What does Jesus promise to give to those that thirst for and believes in Him? How is this a fulfillment of the prophecy in Isaiah 44?
4. What does God have to say about our thoughts versus His thoughts? When we don't understand why some things happen, how can this verse give us comfort?

Let's Talk: Day 283

Jesus' Ministry in Jerusalem – The Woman Caught in Adultery & Jesus Claims to be the "I AM"

Today's Reading: John 8*; John 3:16-21; Exodus 3:13-15

Hide a stuffed animal inside and try to find it with the just the light of a phone screen. How does a little light expose the darkness?

Questions:

1. What did Jesus say to the people that accused the woman of sin? What did they do?
2. What did Jesus say to the woman? Did He say that her sin was okay? What does that teach you about the character of Jesus?
3. Why did God send Jesus into the world? Are you in the light or in the dark?
4. What's the evidence of a disciple?

* CAUTION: Parents of younger children should always share the truth but may want to use discretion in explaining the specifics detailed in this chapter.

Let's Talk: Day 284

Jesus' Ministry in Jerusalem – Healing a Blind Man, the Tragedy at Siloam, & Spiritual Blindness

Today's Reading: John 9; Luke 13:1-5; 2Corinthians 4:1-6

Imagine what it would be like to be blind. Have everyone put on a blindfold and listen to today's reading on audio. What do you think would be the most difficult aspect of being blind? Younger kid option: play a game of "I Spy."

Questions:

1. How does John 9 answer a part of the question of "why bad things happen to good people?"
2. Why were the Pharisees angry with the healing? How did the man's parents respond to the Pharisees? Why were they afraid?
3. How did the man respond to the Pharisees? Do you know anyone that gets grumpy when God does cool things? Why would that happen?
4. What does it mean to be spiritually blind? How good is your spiritual sight? How can you improve it?

Let's Talk: Day 285

Jesus' Ministry as the Good Shepherd – Jesus the Good Shepherd & His Sheep

Today's Reading: John 10; Ezekiel 34; Isaiah 40:9-11

Watch this video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Coq_grSFINs of a shepherd calling his sheep. Who comes running?

Questions:

1. How did Jesus relate his relationship to us like that of a shepherd and his sheep?
2. What are some characteristics of a good shepherd? How did Jesus live that for us?
3. Do you recognize and follow the voice of Jesus? How can we learn to recognize His voice?
4. Who were called shepherds in Ezekiel 34? Were they good? How do you know?

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Jesus' Teachings on Prayer – The Lord's Prayer, the Persistent Friend, & God the Father

Today's Reading: Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 6:5-14; John 15:5-8

Listen to "Manifesto" at https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=o_6JQDsbtIM. Then pray together with your own words after the pattern of the prayer Jesus gave.

Questions:

1. What did the disciples want to know how to do? Does that encourage you that the friends of Jesus didn't know how to do this at first?
2. How does Jesus start and end His prayer? How much time do you spend praising God when you pray?
3. How does the rest of our Luke 11 passage encourage us to talk to God? Do you ever spend time talking to God when you are not asking Him for something? What kinds of things could you talk about?
4. Explain the vine and branches illustration from John 15. What does it look like practically to abide in Jesus?

Let's Talk: Day 287

Today's Reading: Weekly day OFF

Weekly Review: Think back on this week's reading. What story stands out to you and why? As a family, pick a verse from the week to meditate on or memorize.

Ask your family, what did you learn about Jesus this week?