

Let's Talk: Day 302-One Story

Jesus' Message on Religion – Appearing Religious vs. Exercising Justice, Mercy, & Faith

Today's Reading: Matthew 23; Micah 6:8; James 1:22-27

Today's reading is about being a doer of God's word – not just a talker or hearer of it. Everyone think of one verse/principle from the Bible that they will live out today. Post this in a public place in your house and come back tomorrow to share how you lived it.

Questions:

1. What are some of the words that Jesus uses to describe the Pharisees? Why is He so angry with them? How are leaders even more accountable for their actions and attitudes than the general group?
2. How would you describe the character or mood of Jesus in this section? How do we know when to be really blunt and when to be kind and gracious?
3. Jesus is angry at hypocrites *// – people that say one thing but do another. Are your actions consistent with your words?
4. What does it mean to “bridle” your tongue? How does a bridle work with a horse? Why is it so important to the effectiveness of our ministry?

Let's Talk: Day 303

Jesus' Ministry Before His Betrayal – The Widow's Mite, End Times Prophecy, & Giving

Today's Reading: Mark 12:38-44; Luke 21; 2Corinthians 8:1-12

Our reading today talks about the importance of giving – not so much the amount but the heart of it. How does each member in the family give? Make an offering jar[s] for those who need it and discuss how to make giving a regular practice in your family.

Questions:

1. How much did the poor widow put in the offering? Why did this make such a big impact on Jesus?
2. The widow didn't just give her money to God, it was a symbol of placing her complete trust in Him as well. Do you give God your extra or do you trust Jesus with it all? When is the last time you relied on Him to guide you through a problem?
3. How will the Son of Man come back? Will everyone be ready and watching for Him?
4. According to 2Corinthians 8, what should we give ourselves to first? Then what should be our attitude toward giving? How did Jesus set the example for us?

Let's Talk: Day 304

Jesus' Passover Prep –Judas' Greed & Betrayal, Mary's Anointing, & the Furnished Room

Today's Reading: Matthew 26:1-19; Luke 22:1-13; John 12:4-6

As you read today's passage discuss who are the helpers in the story. Who are the helpers in your family? How can everyone be a helper?

Questions:

1. What happened to Jesus at Simon the leper's house? What do you imagine the woman might have been thinking that day as she entered Simon's house? What is a way that we could publically worship God today in such a humble way?
2. Why was Judas upset with the woman? What does this really reveal about his character?
3. Describe some of the details that Jesus shared He knew regarding finding a place to have their Passover feast. What details does Jesus know about your life?
4. The gospel passages today show how Jesus knew exactly what was going on in the minds of Judas and the Pharisees. Nothing surprised Him. Discuss how powerful and loving Jesus is to choose to go through the rejection of the world and the trials of the cross for us when He knew exactly what would happen to Him.

Let's Talk: Day 305

Jesus' Passover Meal – Jesus Celebrates the Passover, Passover's Origin, & Judas Leaves

Today's Reading: Luke 22:14-18; Exodus 12; John 13:1-30

Look up "The Last Supper" by Da Vinci. Do you imagine the scene to have looked like this? Discuss what you picture to be different.

Questions:

1. What did Jesus say the cup represented at the Lord's Supper? What did Jesus say the bread represented?
2. Do you think the disciples understood what He was talking about? Why or why not?
3. As Christians, we recognize what Jesus was doing as the Lord's Supper, or Communion. But what feast would a Jewish person think of? What did that holiday commemorate?
4. At Passover what did the Jewish people have to kill and use its blood to get the death angel to "pass over" their house? How is Jesus the ultimate Passover lamb?

Let's Talk: Day 306

Jesus' Passover Innovation – Jesus Institutes Communion (the Lord's Supper) for the Church

Today's Reading: Luke 22:19-20; 1Corinthians 11:23-32; 1Corinthians 10:15-17

Celebrate Communion at home together as a family. You might want to do this after you have read the daily passages.

Questions:

1. What does the bread and cup represent for us as Christians?
2. What should we always do before we take Communion? Why?
3. How do you do this? Has God revealed things to you at this time?
4. What happened to the early church when they didn't take Communion the right way?

Let's Talk: Day 307

Jesus' Passover Teachings – Jesus Says He Leaves to Prepare a Place for His Disciples

Today's Reading: John 13:31-38; John 14; Hebrews 11:13-16

Draw a picture (or discuss) what you think the mansions in heaven look like? What do you think the mansions of Christians like singer Toby Mac, evangelist Billy Graham or missionary Gladys Alyward look like? If you could pick your neighbors in heaven, who would they be?

Questions:

1. How does Jesus say people will know if you are His disciple? What is the new commandment Jesus gave us?
2. What are some practical ways we could see this new commandment lived out in daily life? By your current actions, do you think someone would know you are a follower of Jesus?
3. When Jesus says He is about to leave His disciples, where does He say He is going?
4. After Jesus leaves, who does He say He will send? For what purpose?

Let's Talk: Day 308

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.