

Let's Talk: Day 183-Whole Bible

Today's Reading: 2Kings 24-25, Mark 6 / Family Chapter: 2Kings 25

Line up smallest to tallest (least to greatest). Follow the leader into "Egypt," pretending to escape from the Babylonians.

Questions:

1. For how long did the army of Babylon surround Jerusalem?
2. What did the Babylonian army do to the city? Where did many of the people go?
3. After several years what did the Babylonians do to the imprisoned king of Judah?
4. Why was Jerusalem destroyed? Had God warned the people to return to following Him several times? Have you ever had consequences to your bad choices a significant time later?

Let's Talk: Day 184

Today's Reading: 1Chronicles 1-2, Mark 7 / Family Chapter: Mark 7

Play this game: parents, give examples of commandments and traditions. Pick up your fork if it's a commandment and your glass if it's a tradition (i.e.: be kind to others; eat Thanksgiving turkey; etc.).

Questions:

1. Why were the Pharisees angry at Jesus and His disciples?
2. What does it mean to "honor me with your lips but to have a heart that is far from me?" What is the difference between the 'commandment of God' and the 'tradition of men?' Can you give an example of each in your life?
3. In verse 24 it says that Jesus didn't want to be seen. Imagine His life of people constantly recognizing Him and wanting something from Him. What does this tell you about His humanness and emotions?

4. How did Jesus heal the deaf man? Do you look to heaven when you have a trial?

Let's Talk: Day 185

Today's Reading: 1Chronicles 3-4, Mark 8 / Family Chapter: Mark 8

Go "without" something that you usually have – coffee, dessert, TV, internet. How does it feel to "deny yourself" these comforts? Because you did without, were you able to use that time or money for Jesus?

Questions:

1. What miracle did Jesus do in this chapter regarding food? Why would this probably mean more to an average family 2,000 years ago than it might to your family today?
2. Why wouldn't Jesus want healed people to tell others of their miracle?
3. Why does Jesus say "get behind me Satan" to Peter? Just a few verses before Peter said Jesus was the Christ. What does this tell you about how quickly we can get off track from God's plan?
4. How do you deny yourself and pick up your cross in your life? What does it mean to gain the world but lose your soul? Which way sounds better in the long run? Which is easier in the short term?

Let's Talk: Day 186

Today's Reading: 1Chronicles 5-6, Mark 9 / Family Chapter: 1Chronicles 5

Write your own family genealogy, starting with your dad, son of... How far back can you go?

Questions:

1. What is your favorite name in this chapter? Which is the funniest?
2. Why did God listen to the prayer of the Reubenites, Gadites, and half tribe of Manasseh and give them victory?
3. What is an example of how you can put your trust in the Lord daily?
4. What happened later when these same tribes served other gods? What is a way that we serve things or people ahead of God?

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Today's Reading: 1Chronicles 7-8, Mark 10 / Family Chapter: Mark 10

Jesus wants us to receive the kingdom of heaven like a child. Everyone share an attribute of how children are different from adults.

Questions:

1. Why do you think the disciples wanted to keep the children away from Jesus? What did Jesus do?
2. What did Jesus tell the rich young ruler to do? Why? Is money bad? What was the heart issue? Is Jesus first in your life?
3. What did James and John ask of Jesus? Did He get mad at their question? What does that teach you about coming to God with your questions?
4. What question did Jesus ask of the blind man? Doesn't that seem an obvious question? What does that teach you about prayer/talking to God?

Let's Talk: Day 188

Today's Reading: 1Chronicles 9-11, Mark 11 / Family Chapter: Mark 11

Everyone think of one person who wronged you or hurt you this week and pray for the heart to forgive them. Just as God forgives us, we forgive others no matter how difficult it is!

Questions:

1. Imagine you were standing on the side of the road on Palm Today? What do you think you would have said to Jesus as He passed by?
2. What did Jesus do when He arrived at the temple? Why? What does He want His Father's house to be known as? Do you think of your church that way?
3. How does Jesus show His incredible wisdom as He answers the Pharisee's question?
4. What are three things you can learn from Jesus about prayer in this chapter? How can you apply one of those things to your life this week?

Let's Talk: Day 189

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: Who will build God's temple?
1Chronicles 17

Take a few minutes to thank God for the freedom we have to worship in the United States. Pray for our elected officials. If you like research, try to find out what some of the beliefs were of our founding fathers.