

Let's Talk: Day 281-Whole Bible

Today's Reading: Jeremiah 25-26, Romans 9 / Family Chapter: Romans 9

Get out some play dough or similar material and make a creative sculpture. You are acting as the potter. Who had the idea of the sculpture – you or the clay?

Questions:

1. Who is the potter and who is the clay according to this chapter?
2. Is it fair that some people have more trials than others? What's God's perspective on this?
3. Who were "not the people of God?" How does what Jesus did on the cross change that?
4. What words would you use to describe God? Does this chapter affirm your description or teach you something new about God? Explain.

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Today's Reading: Jeremiah 27-28, Romans 10 / Family Chapter: Romans 10

Have your family stand barefoot in a circle with toes in the center. Take a picture of your family's feet. Print it up and add this caption "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring tidings of good things!"

Questions:

1. How does Paul feel about the nation of Israel? In all that you have read, how do most Jews treat him? Do Paul's feelings seem strange in this light?
2. What does a person need to do to be saved? Have you done this? If so share your experience.

3. Why is it important for us share to this gospel of peace? Can you think of a time you have shared Jesus with someone?
4. Think of someone in your life that has not called on the name of the Lord to be saved. Pray for an opportunity to share Jesus with that person this week. Be watching for it!

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Today's Reading: Jeremiah 29-30, Romans 11 / Family Chapter: Jeremiah 29

Play hide and seek. Before hiding, the hiders say, "And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart." Then the seeker counts to 20 and searches! As he/she finds a player, the found person responds, "I will be found by you," says the Lord."

Questions:

1. To whom is this chapter written?
2. What does God instruct these people to do? Why might this be hard for the people?
3. After 70 years what does God promise to do?
4. When you are going through a difficult trial, how can this chapter give you hope for the future?

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Today's Reading: Jeremiah 31, Romans 12-13 / Family Chapter: Romans 12

"Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another." For one evening, try to live this verse. Earn a point for each time you let someone else make a selection or let someone else go first. By bedtime, the player with the most points wins a reward of parents' choosing.

Questions:

1. How does Paul say you should present yourselves to God? Do you think your culture (even our church culture) lives out this verse? How can you?
2. How could one be conformed to this world?

3. What is a practical way to renew your mind?
4. Of all the instructions Paul gives in verses 9-21, which one is easiest for you to follow? Which one is the hardest to follow?

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Today's Reading: Jeremiah 32-33, Romans 14-15 / Family Chapter: Romans 14

In verse 19, we are told to pursue peace and those things that encourage or teach another. Draw 10 pictures of people doing those things, and 6 pictures of people doing the opposite. Turn the cards upside down in 4x4 grid. Select two cards. If you choose a pair of verse 19 pictures, you can keep them. Take turns. The player with the most cards wins.

Questions:

1. Every Christian family has their own rules. How does Paul say we should handle it when our family rules are different from another family's rules?
2. Someday what will every person do to God? Can you imagine what that would look like?
3. What does verse 16 mean to you? Can you give an example of what this looks like in your culture?
4. How does Paul define sin in this chapter? Are there ever personal "gray areas" of sin when you use this definition of sin? Explain.

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Today's Reading: Jeremiah 34-35, Romans 16, 1Corinthians 1 / Family Chapter: 1Corinthians 1

"And God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty." Children are weaker than adults, but can be wiser in knowledge of the Lord, kinder and more selfless. Kids, challenge parents to a game that you know you could win!

Questions:

1. For what does Paul thank God?

2. What is the church of Corinth arguing about? Do you know any Christians in your church or in the country that argue among each other? What instructions does Paul give?
3. How does Paul say the world views the message of the cross? How do God's wisdom and the world's wisdom compare?
4. Who does God like to choose to spread His Word? How does that make you feel? Do you believe God can use you?

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Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF Day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: What is the foundation of our spiritual house? Name one of the "fireproof" items we should use to build on it. 1Corinthians 3

Challenge verse for the week to meditate on and memorize:

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God (1Corinthians 10:31)