

OYB-4/21/24

Group Discussion

- What questions do you have from this month's reading?
 - What did you find interesting?
 - What did you learn about God/Jesus?
 - Who would like to share their favorite verse?
1. Describing God's Kingdom in Luke 13:19, Jesus says, "It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches." What does Jesus' analogy mean to you and how can we as Christ followers help the Kingdom of God grow by being like the one who plants a seed?
 2. Jesus instructs us in Luke 13:24 to "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to." What do you think he means by this and what are ways that we can draw closer to him to walk the narrow path?
 3. Luke 15:4, "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?" What are some of the ways God has rescued you from going astray and how does this verse give you peace in knowing God cares for all of his flock and will never leave us stranded?
 4. Discuss the parable of the sower, what kind of soil are you? (see attached poem)
 5. Psalm 62 says, "my soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation." Where do you find rest?
 6. Jesus often withdrew to lonely places to pray. What helps you get close to God?
 7. In Luke 6, Jesus says that no good tree bears bad fruit and no bad tree bears good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit." What kind of fruit are you bearing?
 8. In Psalm 73, Asaph says, "Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you." Does this resonate with your heart's desires? Why do you think the people of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave? Why do people today "ask Jesus to leave?"
 9. In Luke 10, Jesus states that Mary has chosen more wisely than Martha. Are you a Martha or a Mary?

Continuing books: Joshua, Luke, Psalms, Proverbs

New books: Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, John

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Final Discussion... Deuteronomy 8 says that, "as a man disciplines his son, so the Lord you God disciplines you." What form has that discipline taken in your life? Although it is difficult and painful, why is discipline actually loving?

One Year Bible meeting dates: All meetings are on the third Sunday of the month at 4pm in G1. 5/19, 6/16, 7/21, 8/18, 9/15, 10/20, 11/17, 12/15

The weeds grow all around me.
Yet I make no attempt to interrupt their encroachment upon my soul.
Neither do I cut them nor move aside.
Allowing them to take root.
They grow next to me, around me.
In time, they support me as I increasingly lean into them.
Viewing them now as my shelter and sustenance.
And so, I grow as they grow.
Twisted and intertwined.
Tall but not strong.
Branches full yet bearing no fruit.
Suitable only for the fire.

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Inspired by Luke 8:4-15