

Sunday School Intro - 9/13/20

- Prayer
- Introductions
- Plan for the year
- Memory Verse List – Choose **at least 1** to memorize, discuss one
- New City Catechism Discussion
 - Question 1: What is our only hope in life and death? That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ. – Romans 14:7-8
 - Question 2: What is God? God is the creator and sustainer of everyone and everything. He is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in his power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice, and truth. Nothing happens except through him and by his will. Psalm 86:8-10, 15

Review

- What are some things you remember about each of these character traits? What is the definition of them? How does God portray them? How do we portray them?
- Humility – Luke 14:11 “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”
- Contentment – Hebrews 13:5 – “Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have”
- Thankfulness – 1 Thessalonians 5:18 – “give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”
- Joy – Philippians 4:4 – “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice”
- Holiness – 1 Peter 1:16 – “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”
- Self-control - Proverbs 25:28 “A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls.”
- Faithfulness – Matthew 25:21 “Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.”

Lesson – The Parable of the Ten Virgins – Matthew 25:1-13

- Read lesson together. In pairs/groups, try to answer the following questions about this parable.
 - Try to identify who the people in the story represent.
 - “10 Virgins” (v. 1) –
 - “Bridegroom” (v. 1) –
 - Five foolish virgins (v. 2) –
 - Five wise virgins (v. 2) –
 - Try to identify what the events in the story are referring to.
 - Becoming drowsy and sleeping (v. 5) -
 - Midnight (v. 6) -
 - The Marriage Feast (v. 10) -
 - The shut door (v. 10) –
 - Having oil for your lamp/being ready/watching (v. 4/10/13) -
 - “Truly, I say to you, I do not know you” (v. 12) -
- What is the main point Jesus is trying to make?

- Prayer

For Next Time: - Read Chapter 13 of Practice of Godliness, "Peace".

- Start memorizing the verse you've chosen.

Peace Memory Verses (pick at least 1)

- Romans 12:18 "If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."

- Romans 5:1 "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

- Philippians 4:6-7 "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

- Colossians 3:15 "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body."

- Psalm 34:14 "Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it."

- Matthew 5:9 "'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."

- Hebrews 12:14 "Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord."

Important Dates

- Youth Group - 9/23, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11, and 12/9.

- Ignite Youth Conference – 3/12-13

- Upcoming Sunday School Schedule

9/20 - What is peace?

9/27 - God and Peace

10/4 - Jesus and Peace

10/11 - Bible Study: Isaiah 9:2-7

10/18 - Us and Peace Part 1: Peace with God

10/25 - Bible Study: Ephesians 2:13-19

11/1 - Us and Peace Part 2: Peace within ourselves

11/8 - Us and Peace Part 3: Peace with others

11/15 - Bible Study: Romans 14:12-21

11/22 - Large group: Peace Review and Parable of the Prodigal Son

11/29 - Start Patience

Study Guide:

Definitions –

- Humility: Humility exalts others (God and people) rather than ourselves
- Contentment: Contentment is recognizing the sufficiency of God's provision for our needs, and grace for our circumstances.
- Thankfulness: Thankfulness recognizes God's goodness
- Joy: Joy is having pleasure in God that transcends circumstances
- Holiness: Holiness is to be pure in God's sight, blameless
- Self-control: Self-control is a combination of sound judgment and inner strength that governs your desires.
- Faithfulness: Faithfulness is to be dependable and loyal in all relationships and absolutely honest and ethical in all the affairs of life.

- 10 virgins > people in general
 - Bridegroom > Jesus
 - Five foolish virgins > those who are not saved, unbelievers
 - Five wise virgins > those who are saved, believers
 - Becoming drowsy and sleeping (v. 5) – waiting for Jesus to come back
 - Midnight (v. 6) – the second coming of Christ
 - The Marriage Feast (v. 10) – the marriage supper of the lamb in heaven
 - The shut door (v. 10) – no second chances for those who do not know Jesus
 - Having oil for your lamp/being ready/watching (v. 4/10/13) – having faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ
 - "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you" (v. 12) – We must have a relationship with Jesus in order to be with him forever, we must trust in the payment he made for our sins on the cross
- What is the main point Jesus is trying to make? We must be ready to meet Jesus either by our death or by his coming again. We are only ready to meet Jesus if the wrath of God towards us has been taken by Jesus' death on the cross. We must believe that Jesus Christ alone pays the penalty for our sins in order to be with him forever. There will not be a second chance to come to know Him once the end has already arrived. It is a joyful thing to be with the bridegroom and Jesus wants us to be there with him.