

“First Things First” Small Group Bible Study Outline for Romans Study

Application Questions

How do we make application? By applying these 4 questions to our lives each week and sharing our experiences in our small group.

1. How were influenced through the Holy Spirit this week?
1. How were you committed to the identity and mission of Jesus this week?
2. In what ways did you react in faith and obedience this week?
3. How has God blessed your commitments this week?

Discussion of Personal Application to Last Week’s First Things Bible Study (Rest of Romans)

Examples:

- Taylor – Dying to Self Rom. 12
- Wes – Relationship with One Another Rom. 12
- David – Jesus came to help us make peace with God and with each other – a peace maker out of love. Romans 13:8-15:7 deals with conflict resolution through love – this applies to church, marriage, family, and really any conflict if one is willing to apply the principles of Christ to unity in love.

What were personal applications that came out of your small group discussion?

Bible Study of Next Section of Scripture (1 Corinthians chapters 1-3) looking for the influence of the Holy Spirit, identity and mission of Jesus, and the response of belief and obedience of the Corinthians.

Some Notes to Help:

Jesus ID and Mission start the book:

- Sanctified in Christ Jesus
- Called in him to be holy
- Together with all everywhere who call on name of our Lord Jesus Christ - their Lord and ours.

v. 4 grace give you in Christ

v. 6 testimony about Christ

v. 7 Holy Spirit gifts v. 7

v. 9 God is faithful he will keep his promises now and to the return of the Lord Jesus – and he has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord

vs. 10-17 Should be united in Christ – One Body Christ crucified on cross – Baptized into one Body Jesus Christ

v. 18ff the message of the Cross is the Gospel of salvation in Christ that came through the one Holy Spirit. This message unites not divides. The division comes from something other than this message.

Chap 2 The Spirit not only gives that message He helps us maintain our unity
He helps us understand God's word
He helps us have the mind of Christ

Chap 3 there is only one foundation upon which the church can build – Christ (10-11)
That foundation comes from the Holy Spirit (be careful how you build on it!)
The Church and the individual Christians within it are temples of the Holy Spirit (16-17)

Next Week's Bible Study is from 2 Corinthians Chapters 3-5