



Life Group Work

Bible Study Discussion Starters for the week of February 12, 2012
Life application materials for use in Life Groups and home devotions.

For home work to prepare for your Life Group and to help you in your devotional life:

2 Kings 5:1-14 – Wash and be cleansed!

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequences of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1. In our worship this week, we heard how God's power overcomes our physical and spiritual problems, "cleansing us." What was the most challenging event in your life?
2. Read 2 Kings 5:1-14. In his sermon this week, Vicar Hein contrasted the four main characters of our lesson. Mention one strength and one weakness (this might be tough for two of them, but think of the challenges they faced as well) for each of the following...

Naaman

The Servant Girl

The King of Israel

Elisha the prophet

3. The original language highlights Naaman's problem by putting it an emphatic place in the sentence. "He was a valiant soldier, but he had LEPROSY." To show how God uses all things for our good, finish the thought:

If it weren't for Naaman's leprosy...

4. What is remarkable about the young slave girl's telling her mistress about the prophet in Samaria is not just that she would approach her with such a recommendation, but that in her recommendation, there is such a note of assurance and certainty. What promises from God give you assurance and certainty in your walk with Him?



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5. The letter from the king of Syria put pressure on the king of Israel by stating the expectation that Naaman would be healed. The king of Israel responded: “Am I God?” Rephrase his response in your own words. Have you ever had “Am I God?” moment in your life?

6. Elisha reacted differently from the king of Israel. How would you describe his approach to Naaman’s problem of leprosy? Do you find it harder to take that approach to your own problems or to the problems of others? Why?

7. Vicar focused his sermon on the simple means or way God works to solve our complicated problems. How do the following passages emphasize the simple means of God’s grace?

Romans 1:16 –

Numbers 21:9 –

2 Timothy 3:16,17 –

Titus 3:5 –

Luke 22:19,20 -

8. Who do you know that is dealing with a “leprosy” in their life that we can pray God grants cleansing?

“The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin” (1 John 1:7)

“You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 6:11).

“These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (Revelation 7:14).

Blessings on your week – PDS

Next week is a short “church” week as Lent starts on Ash Wednesday. We’ll have a Groupwork guide ready for you. Whether you want to meet or not is up to you. We’ll also provide an opportunity for you to give feedback.