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GROWING CLOSER TO GOD

By Knowing His Name

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LEADER'S STUDY GUIDE



LEADER'S TIPS - NEW IN THIS WEEK'S STUDY GUIDE

Getting to Know One Another

- What names are you known by? How does the name or names describe or define you?
- Most of us had nick-names given to us when we were growing up. Some were special, some were playful, some were hurtful. Share some of yours and what your favourite was?
- The power of a good name ... What comes to your mind when you think of these names: Lincoln, Trump, Victoria, Cosby, Billy?

GROWING CLOSER BY KNOWING HIS NAME

*Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the **name** that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Philippians 2:9-10

*...far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every **name** that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.*

Ephesians 1:21

Each of Jesus' names Describes and Defines something that He does, or something He wants to do in our lives:

- In Revelation He is called the **King of Kings**.
They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings— Revelation 17:14
- In Galatians He is called Our **Redeemer**.
Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us ... Galatians 3:13
- In Matthew He is called **Immanuel**.
*The God who came to live with us “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).
Matthew 1:23*
- And in John He is called the Living **Word**.
*The Word became human and lived among us. We saw his glory. It was the glory that the Father shares with his only Son, a glory full of kindness and truth.
John 1:14 GW*

4 Things the Book of Acts tells us about the Power in Jesus' Name:

1. That our **Forgiveness** is granted on the basis of His name alone. *Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins ... Acts 2:38*
2. Our **Salvation** was granted to us based on the mighty Name of Jesus and Him alone. *Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."*
Acts 4:12
3. Our own **healing** and wellness, whether it's physical, emotional, or spiritual comes out of the powerful name of Jesus. *It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. Acts 3:16*
4. It is by the mighty name of Jesus that we overcome our earthly **demons**. *She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her. Acts 16:18*

A simple process for dealing with your demons

| The 4 R's:

- **Repent** of the thoughts you've been entertaining.
- **Reject** whatever dark or demonic thought or attitude is troubling you in the Name of Jesus.
- **Replace** whatever thoughts, or attitudes you are wrestling with, with the spirit you know Jesus wants for you to have.
- **Receive** a fresh the Power of the Holy Spirit over your life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **What is the #1 need** you need Jesus to meet you for, right here, right now?

2. **Stop and think about it**, are you more comfortable using the name God, or speaking out the name of Jesus?



Ask participants to explain why? Very few use the name of Jesus on a regular basis. Yet the power is in the use and mention of his name. Challenge your group to use Jesus name instead of God.

3. **Talk about Salvation.** Describe the first time you can remember salvation being preached or spoken of in the name of Jesus.



Ask two people to share, one or more participants could be more reserved.

- Take 3-4 minutes and share how it you actually became a Christian.
- When is the last time you shared your testimony with someone outside of the church?

- The Festival of Hope is just days away. Salvation in Jesus Name is going to be proclaimed. Is there a friend, neighbour, relative or co-worker you can invite to join you?



Go around and ask people to share who they have or are inviting (Stop and pray).

4. What Needs Healing? Everyone has something that needs to be healed in their lives - whether it's physical, emotional, relational, or spiritual. If you were to identify one area in your life what would it be? Stop and pray together right now In Jesus name for that Healing!

5. Facing Your Demons(Faults/Failures). Do you ever find yourself harassed with lingering thoughts and feelings that you know are not from God? What negative, dark, or destructive reality do you find yourself facing in any kind of reoccurring way? (Doubts, discouragement, depression, shame, fear, failure, defeat, giving up, running, lust)

6. Is there anything about the 4 R's that are unclear to you?



If something gets raised that you do not know the answer for, simply ask the group what they understood the answer to be.

APPLICATION

STOP & PRAY | Focusing on Jesus Name

Take one issue feeling/attitude/thought that you struggle with on a reoccurring basis and use the 4 R's to pray through it. (Use your notes)



If there is something that breaks open in someone's life and things get a bit more emotional. It may be wise to have the group simply come around the person and pray over them and love on them.

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