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Be childlike

Maturity in
Christ

Tabitha

MIDWEEK GUIDE

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Session 1: Be childlike

1. Why is humbleness necessary in order to be able to have a strong hope in Christ?

2. Discuss characteristics of a child that you think Jesus wants us to emulate.

3. How can our trust in God's love grow, even when we do not understand or like the circumstances that He allows in our lives?

4. What is life like for someone who is completely dependent on God?

5. Why do you think it's so difficult for us to admit when we need help?

6. Humbleness is a characteristic that isn't embraced by many in today's world, as the focus is always on getting ahead. Is it possible to be humble and successful?

7. When you hear "Kingdom of God," what do you envision? How about when we pray, "Your Kingdom come"?

Bible References

John 18:36

Matthew 18:1-5 NIRV

2 Kings 5:2-3

Session 2: Maturity in Christ

1. How can materials things choke out the teachings of Christ in our lives? How do you stop this from happening?

2. The video gave us a filter to use when speaking or posting online: *Will what I'm about to say be edifying and impart grace to those who hear or read it, or will it be destructive? There is no neutral position here.* Do you think there is a neutral position? Share and discuss some examples, being careful to consider perspectives different from your own. Can you come up with one?

3. What are the consequences of exposing the sins of others, whether through social media or gossip?

4. How have you matured in the past year? What are you doing daily to strengthen and increase your maturity in Christ?

5. No matter how strong we think our faith is, there are situations that life throws at us that push us back to immature disciples of Jesus. What are some things that push you backwards? How can you build yourself up to overcome those situations?

6. Have you taken personal responsibility for building or strengthening your faith? Why do we sometimes just think that is the job of the church?

7. How can you use this season of Thanksgiving to grow in your maturity as a Christian?

Bible References

Luke 8:14
2 Peter 1:5-8

Ephesians 4:29
Genesis 9:18-23

Session 3: Tabitha

1. What does it mean to be a credible witness of Christ?

2. How can our actions demonstrate that we have hope in Christ? How does being a credible witness encourage others' hope in Christ?

3. How does looking to Jesus during the most desperate moments in life give people hope?

4. Is there a story in the Bible that you look to for hope and to remind yourself of the power of God? If so, please share the story and why it gives you hope.

5. When Jesus told Martha that He is the "Resurrection and the life," He asked her, "Do you believe this?" How do we demonstrate to others that we believe what Jesus said?

6. Did you know there were female disciples in the Bible? What does this story tell you about **who** Jesus calls as His disciples?

7. Where do we turn when the miracle doesn't happen? Where can we draw strength to continue?

8. From the video... *His power is revealed to us in new ways. He rescues us from our sin, breathes life into our souls, restores our broken relationships, and replaces our worry with confidence...* Where have you seen the miraculous power of Jesus in **your** life?

Bible References

Acts 9:36-42

Mark 5:22-23

John 11:25-26