

Small Group News

Family Night (Rialto Menu: Chick-Fil-A): Wed 3/11

New Family Night Classes: March 18th

Pray for: Easter Outreach

Small Group Questions

For the week of March 8th, 2020

Make Room (Part2)

Exodus (Various References)

INTRODUCTION

Throughout the month of March, the teaching series will focus on the Tabernacle described in the Old Testament as Moses was leading God's people from slavery to the land promised to them by God. The series will explore the reasons for the Tabernacle and focus on how each of those details pointed to the coming Messiah, Jesus. As we build toward Easter, we will ask the question, "Will you make room for Jesus?"

The focus of the week: **Taking Steps Toward God**

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

MY STORY

1. Describe your opinion of the state of the world. What things excite you the most? What things cause you the most concern? What are your biggest questions about the future?
2. You heard it said this weekend that if God truly got rid of all the evil in the world, he would have to get rid of you too. Do you agree or disagree? How does it make you feel to know that you are evil? How do you define evil?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. God is holy but wants to be in relationship with us. What does the Bible say about encountering the Holiness of God?

Read: Isaiah 6:1-8; Revelation 1:12-18 & 4:6b-11; Hosea 6:1-3 & 6

How would you define Holiness? What is the reaction of Isaiah and John when they encountered God? Why do you think they had that reaction? What should be our reaction to God's Holiness? What is God's reaction to Isaiah and John when they realize they cannot survive God's Holiness? How does knowing that help you understand God's desire for you even when you do not deserve His attention?

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Read: John 1:9-14; Hebrews 9:1-5 & 11-14

Discuss your reaction to knowing that Jesus became flesh for us so that we could receive Him and become His child. How do you define “grace” and “truth?” How does it make you feel to know that God took the first step in reaching out to you when He sent Jesus to live “among us?” Why do you think people have such a difficult time dealing with the reality of needing God’s help to become His child?

2. You heard this weekend that one of the ways that we can make room for God in our lives is to “Take a step toward God;” and that when we do, “he takes a step toward us.” So what does the bible say are some steps we can take?

Read: James 4:4-10; Psalm 139:17-24; Hosea 6:1-3 & 6

What are some steps toward God you see in the verses above? How does God respond in these passages? What does God expect from us? Why are people afraid to let God search their hearts? What is God’s purpose in times of trial, discipline, or struggle? What do you think it means to “humble” yourself?

TAKING IT HOME

Commit time this week to consider the steps necessary to draw near to God in your life. What do you think has to change? What has to go? What is missing? How would your life be different if you were to choose one thing from your list and actually do it? What benefits can you see from applying an item you have listed? Write a prayer to God that expresses your desire to take a step toward Him. Be specific about the step you want to take and your desired results. Then write down any observations you see or connections you make because of the change in your routine. Be sure to include the ways you see God taking steps toward you. It is okay if you miss a day or hit a roadblock along the way; just pick it back up the next day. Be prepared to share your journey with the group next week.

GROUP PRAYER

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