

Community Group Study Guide
For the week of November 1, 2020

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. It was said there are over 7,000 promises in Scripture! What is one of your favorite promises of God?

2. The sermon mentioned that many believers act like “functional atheists.” They say they believe God but act as if his promises are untrue. This often happens because fear replaces our faith. Has this ever happened to you? Who or what helped you see the truth?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back over your sermon notes from this week’s sermon, which particular point or passage of Scripture most challenged, confused, or caught your attention?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Faith in God grows when you trust Him in specific ways based on what He has declared to be true. Read 2 Corinthians 1:20 and answer the following questions.

2 Corinthians 1:20 (New International Version)

20 For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.

Your prospects are bright because God’s promises are true! Does your faith echo “yes” and “amen” to a specific promise in God’s Word?

What promise will you believe as you surrender your need to God and trust His timing to bring it to pass?

Consider how you can worship God in your current situation. How will you honor God’s worthiness and faithfulness in your life?

2. We heard this weekend how God is faithful to keep his promises. What is also true is that some of God's promises come with an "if" clause, meaning there is something we need to do in order to experience the promise. In the following passages, identify the promise God is making and what our responsibility is to see the promise fulfilled.

John 15:5-8 (New International Version)

5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

1 John 1:6-10 (New International Version)

6 If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all[a] sin. 8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

Matthew 11:28-30 (New International Version)

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Which of these responsibilities is the hardest for you to do?

3. Believers can experience genuine hope because of God's unchanging faithfulness. God-given faith trusts His character, will, and Word. How will you trust God to faithfully care for you this week?

TAKING IT HOME

1. Waiting on God to bring the full answer to His promises develops your faith. What are you waiting for?

2. God takes us beyond the comfortable and familiar, sometimes removing all options except trusting Him. In those moments we exercise the muscles of faith and experience that God is faithful. How is God meeting you in your “new normal”?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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