

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of May 23, 2021

MY STORY

What would you say is the difference between, “I hope so” and “I have hope”?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week’s teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

DIGGING DEEPER

How do true disciples reveal their love for Jesus?

How does obedience flow out of a heart of love? Give examples.

How can love of Jesus help you conquer sin in your life?

Have you ever prayed for the Holy Spirit to grow your passion and love for Jesus? Take time to do that right now.

Take a moment to contemplate that God Himself loves you. Pray to grow in your belief of this truth.

Why does Jesus call the Holy Spirit “another Helper”? What does it say about who the Holy Spirit is and what he does?

How does the promise of the Holy Spirit display Jesus’ concern for your ability to live in obedience to Him?

How has Jesus given you peace through belief in Him?

PRAYER REQUEST

Tips on Group Prayer

Prayer is an important part of being in a Small Group. We've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines:

WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

PRAY MORE THAN ONCE

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missionaries of the Month Please pray for Chad & Kristin Tabor as they serve with e3partners.

Compassion International Be sure to check out the table in the Commons on Sunday to see how you can care for kids around the world in the name of Jesus.



The Gospel of John---That You May Believe

The Indwelling Helper

John 14:15-31 (ESV) Kirk Greenstreet May 23, 2021

I God will give us a Helper to be in us

- God gives us His Spirit to **live within** us
- God gives us His Spirit to **strengthen** us
- God gives us His Spirit to **transform** us

II Jesus will come back for us

- He has not left us as orphans
- His resurrection guarantees our resurrection
- He is the reason we have eternal life

III Deep Discipleship happens when we obey God's Word

- Our discipleship is motivated by love
- Our discipleship is tied to God's word
- Our discipleship brings glory to the Father

IV Jesus gives us Peace as we live this life

- We have peace because of the Holy Spirit in us
- We have peace because Jesus is returning for us
- We have peace because of His word to us
- We have peace to influence those among us