

HOUSE CHURCH

WEEKLY GUIDE

July 5, 2020

TEACHING NOTES

5 FOR 5

THOUGHT #1: God has empowered us to survive hopelessness . . . _____.

- **Romans 5:1-8**
- **Reflection:** Will I step out in faith and share the hope I have with someone?

THOUGHT #2: Discipleship is not about showing how strong and smart I am. It's about showing how strong and smart _____ is.

- **2 Corinthians 12:9-11**
- **Reflection:** When has God's idea been better than my idea?

THOUGHT #3: The truth that we are never fully in control will lead to fear or _____.

- **John 16:33**
- **Reflection:** In what area of your life have you lost control? How can you turn that situation over to God?

THOUGHT #4: You can do this at _____!

- **Deuteronomy 6:4-7**
- **Reflection:** What is one way you can learn and teach the Love of God in your home and community this week?

THOUGHT #5: Jesus calls us to be _____ not church-goers.

- **Matthew 7:16-20**
- **Reflection:** What is one "fruit" you have been able to bear more fully during our quarantine?

ADULT GROUPS

For each of the following questions, answer together if in a group or write in a journal if doing it individually. For more details on each of the questions, go here <https://tinyurl.com/gotoDBS>.

This week we heard five different messages about what God has been revealing to us over the past few months. In your house churches this week, take a few minutes to discuss each of the five reflection questions (found above in the Teaching Notes) and then choose one of the five passages to go over with Discovery Bible Study. The passages to choose from are:

- Romans 5:1-8
- 2 Corinthians 12:9-11
- John 16:33
- Deuteronomy 6:4-7
- Matthew 7:16-20

SHARE AS A GROUP

1. **Thankfulness:** What is something you're thankful for that happened this past week?
2. **Challenges:** What challenges are you facing?
3. **Assistance:** How can the group (or those you're in contact with) help with those challenges?
4. **Accountability:** How did you practice and share with someone what you read last week?

STUDY AS A GROUP

1. Choose one of the five passages from today's teaching to read as a group. Re-read it in a different version, re-tell it in your own words, and write down any parts that really stuck with you.
2. What did you learn about God from this passage?
3. What did you learn about people from this passage?
4. How can you put the passage into practice? "I will..."
5. Who needs to hear about what you learned from this passage? "I will tell..."

PRAYER

1. Give thanks for everything listed in Share Q. 1
2. Ask God to help with everything listed in Share Q. 2
3. Ask for a greater understanding of what you read in Study Q. 1
4. Ask for courage to do the things listed in Study Q. 4-5

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

ICE BREAKER

What are FIVE highlights from the COVID-19 era that have created a positive memory for you OR show how God is working in the midst of these times?

GROUP DISCUSSION: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-4

1. Use parts 1, 2 and 3 of the DBS steps listed in the adult group section above.
2. Discussion Sparking Questions in the event that your group is not responding well.
 - ***“What did you learn about God from this passage?”***
 - Vs. 9 says “my power is made perfect in weakness.” What does that tell us about how God can use your shortcomings?
 - Paul continues in that verse to say he will boast about his weakness. How does boasting about his weaknesses give glory to God?
 - He rounds out the passage by saying “when I am weak, then I am strong.” How is God involved in the truth of that sentiment?
 - ***“What did you learn about people from this passage?”***
 - In this passage, Paul is referring to his own weaknesses, but what weaknesses would you say are common to humanity?
 - Paul describes an attitude contrary to what most of us are willingly to embrace - one in which he emphasizes his weakness so that someone else [God] gets the glory instead. Why might this approach be challenging for someone to adopt?
 - How would our world be different if people spent less time posturing for positions of strength and dominance and more time practicing humility?
 - ***“How can you put the passage into practice? ‘I will...’”***
 - What are the areas of your life that you know are weaknesses and how can God’s power and glory be shown through those?
 - What elements of personal pride might be preventing you from surrendering fully to Jesus as your Lord?
 - ***“Who needs to hear about what you learned from this passage? ‘I will tell...’”***
 - Who, outside of your family, do you expect to have an interaction with later this week and what would it take for you to bring these truths into your conversation?

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CHILDREN

SING

- Love the Lord (All) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdMlxCdIY-c>
- Fruit of the Spirit (All) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-hrxEjWxkE>
- My Hope is in the Lord <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJePCzTaQo4&t=33s>

READ: Deuteronomy 6:4-7; Matthew 7:16-20; Romans 5:3-7

BIG PICTURE QUESTIONS:

1. Describe how strong and smart God is.
2. Tell someone in your home where you see God today or how you have loved God this week.
3. Share one way you think you are growing your faith, like a good fruit Jesus talks about.

PRAY

Lord, thank you for loving me enough to send your Son to die for me and for always taking care of me. Please help me to remember how much You love me and help me to grow in my love for You. Help me to want to keep You in my heart and always do what You want me to do and become the person You want me to be. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

ACTIVITIES

1. **Write the Scripture:** Write the scripture Deuteronomy 6:5 on several colorful notecards or other decorative paper and have the children tell you where to tape them so they would notice it the most as they move about the house each day. Talk about what it says and have them put their hand on it and repeat the verse aloud every time they pass by it. Each night at dinner, talk about what it means to love God with their whole heart, soul, and strength. By the end of the week, a child of any age should have committed the scripture to memory.
2. **Wear a Reminder:** Select colorful string and some beads suitable for threading or just colorful string for braiding and have the child make a bracelet to wear to remind them to love God with all their heart and in everything they do.
3. **Let's Pick A Fruit!** Decide what makes a fruit good or bad. Draw or paint in the fruit of your choice on a tree, vine, or bush. Write on your drawing ways you can be a "good fruit" for others to know Jesus.