

SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Join Us For A 5 – Week Bible Study Based On The Movie:

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WHAT DO YOU ALLOW TO DEFINE YOU?



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Study Schedule October 2019

Date	Session Title
10/2/2019	Who are You?
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10/16/2019	You Are Chosen
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Session 3: You Surrender



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John



Thomas

John still laments the loss of his basketball team and the possibility he saw on that path, including a state championship win and a scholarship for Ethan. When Thomas, his unlikely new friend, asks that key question “Who are you?” John leads with basketball even though it’s gone.

Questions

- Why do you think Thomas, at this point in his life, can have a deep conversation with someone like John, a total stranger?
- Is it easier or more difficult to hear and consider questions like Thomas’s from someone you’re close to or from someone new in your life?
- Why do you think the question was so difficult for John to answer?

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Jesus, Peter and the Great Confession (Matt. 16)

- Jesus after many days of ministry with demonstrations of His power and deity (Matt. 4 – 15), Jesus takes His disciples away to Caesarea Philippi.
- Jesus wanted to prepare His disciples for His upcoming final entrance into Jerusalem for His arrest, death and resurrection.
- Jesus asks His disciples about His identity so He could “know” where their beliefs about Him was in comparison to the rest of the world.
- Peter answers for himself (and possibly the rest of the disciples) that Jesus is indeed “The Christ, The Son of The Living God”



Jesus And Peter

***Note:** Although Jesus addressed Simon (Peter) as “the Rock” on which he would build His Church – It is the confession of Jesus as the Lord and Savior that is the Solid Rock on which the Church will stand.*

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Matthew 16:13 – 17 (NKJV)

Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”

14 So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

16 Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

17 Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

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Matthew 16:18 – 20 (NKJV)

18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

20 Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

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1. According to Jesus, who revealed Peter’s revelation to him?

It Was Not Through The Flesh:

- Not by Human Intellect
- Not by Human Effort
- Not by Human Morals, Goodness or Religious Actions or Activity

It Was Revealed By God the Father:

- By His Will - His Amazing Grace
- By His Word – Jesus the Living Word
- By His Works – (His Spirit, His “Superintendence”)

Matthew 16:17

AND JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO HIM, BLESSED ART THOU, SIMON BARONAE: FOR FLESH AND BLOOD HATH NOT REVEALED IT UNTO THEE, BUT MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.

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God's Superintendence in Peter's Life in The Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus' Miracles In Matthew 4 – 15

- Jesus' healing and Teaching (Matthew 4:23 – 25; 5 – 7)
- Jesus Cleanses a Leper (Matthew 8:1-4)
- Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant (Matthew 8:5-13)
- Jesus Heals Many (Matthew 8:16-17)
- Wind and Waves Obey Jesus (Matthew 8:23-27)
- Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic (Matthew 9:1-8)
- A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed (Matthew 9:18, 23-26)
- Two Demon-Possessed Men Healed (Matthew 9:20-22)
- Two blind men healed Matt. 9:27-31
- A Mute Man Speaks Matt. 9:32-33
- A Mute Man Speaks (Matthew 9:32-34)
- Healing on the Sabbath (Matthew 12:9-14)
- Feeding the Five Thousand (Matthew 14:13-21)
- Jesus Walks on the Sea (Matthew 14:22-33)
- Many Touch Him and Are Made Well (Matthew 14:34-36)
- A Gentile Shows Her Faith (Matthew 15:21-28)
- Feeding the Four Thousand (Matthew 15:32-39)

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name (John 20:30 – 31).

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2. Why does that fact of who revealed Jesus to Peter matter?

- **Authority** – It Shows the Authority – From The Father In Heaven.
- **Reality** – Grace and Truth. God is Not a Man that He should lie. His Way and Word always works.
- **Permanency** – A irreversible change took place in Peter's that can never be erased
- **Eternality** - This Is An Eternal Truth – God's Word is Eternal and will never fade or fail.
- **Universally/Inclusivity** - This Applies to Everyone. Jesus is the Savior and Lord of All.

But as many as received him, to them gave ye power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:12-13

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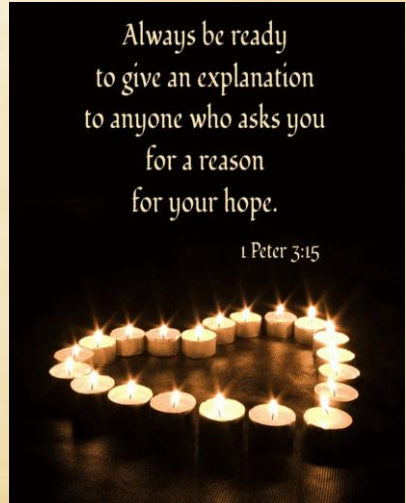
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3. If you had eight floors of elevator conversation with a stranger who asked you, “Why do you believe in Jesus?” What would you say?

- **Logical Reasons** – When I think about the world, the beauty and order of creation – especially how we (mankind) have been created - It just make sense to believe in God/Jesus (Psalm 8, Isa 1:18, Rom. 1:20).
- **Spiritual/Scriptural Reasons** – The Word/Bible contains the truth about sin, its penalty (death) and the Jesus – the One who Saves us and how to be saved and be right with God. (Gen. 3:16 – 19, John 3:16, Rom. 3:23, 6:23, 10:9 – 10).
- **Personal Reasons** – My own personal testimony of when and how Jesus saved me. What He continually does to change me and the many answers to my prayers. Also what He has done for others from history and for how Jesus has saved and blessed my family and those around me (Psalm 107:2, Rom 1:16, II Tim. 1:12, Heb. 12:1 -2, Rev. 12:11).

Always be ready
to give an explanation
to anyone who asks you
for a reason
for your hope.

1 Peter 3:15



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Jesus and Peter at the Last Supper

- On the night before His Crucifixion, Jesus desired greatly to share a final Passover meal with His disciples.
- During the meal, Jesus predicted that one of the disciples (Judas) would betray him and the all of them will desert Him.
- Peter boldly exclaimed that though everyone else might betray Jesus, he would not – even saying that he would be willing to die with Him.
- Jesus then let Peter know that before the night was over the he would deny even knowing Him.

Note: Jesus used the Bread and Wine to institute the ordinance of the Lord's Supper that we celebrate in our Church today.



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Luke 22:31 – 34 (NKJV)

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

31 And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat.

32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."

33 But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death."

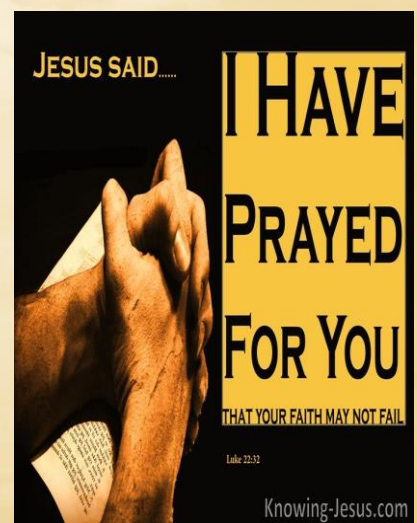
34 Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me."

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4. Why do you think Jesus declared the good Peter would do to build the church after the miserable failure that was coming?

- He wanted to let Peter know that he was still chosen for the Work of the Lord – even though he wasn't perfect.
- He let Peter know that the attack from Satan is no Surprise to Him so it would not be a surprise to Peter.
- That Peter, although he would fail, his failure would not be fatal.
- That Jesus had prayed for him – He wasn't disappointed in him and would not cast Peter away. Peter still belonged to the Lord.
- So Peter would remember after his failure to Strengthen his brothers.



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5. Have you ever feared you would be disqualified from fulfilling God's purpose in your life because of your mistakes? How do you wrestle with that?

- Not only did I fear being disqualified – I wanted to quit on God, the Ministry and the Church.
- Even when I wanted to quit God moved things in my life and around me to keep me in the ministry and to remind me that He was not through with me yet.
- While it is true that we must demonstrate our faith by our living, it is God that works His purpose in us – even in spite of us.

"...being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ (Phil. 1:6)

"But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified. (1 Cor. 9:27)

ROMANS 11:29

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

NLT - can never be withdrawn.

KJV - are without repentance.

ISV - never change.

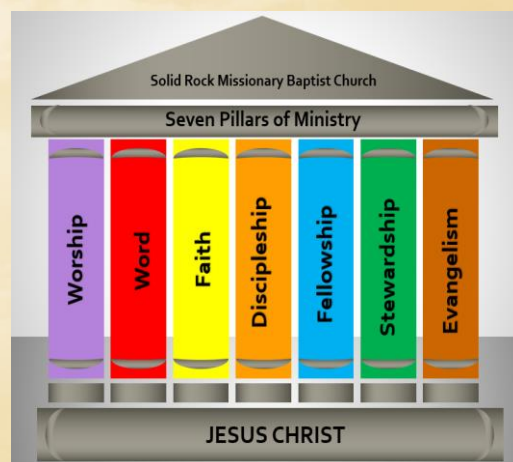


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6. In what ways is it obvious that you follow Jesus?

- **Worship** - Worshipping God in Spirit and In Truth.
- **Word/Truth** – Proclaim God's Word As Truth And Apply It To People's Lives.
- **Faith** - Be Willing To Step Out In Bold Faith And Take Risks.
- **Discipleship** – Developing Christ Centered Disciples Who Lead By Example.
- **Fellowship** – Continually Practice Agape Love for One another and the Community.
- **Stewardship** – Giving Generously Of God's Resources As A Church And As Individuals.
- **Evangelism** – Commit To Enthusiastically To Sharing The Gospel As Our Mission.



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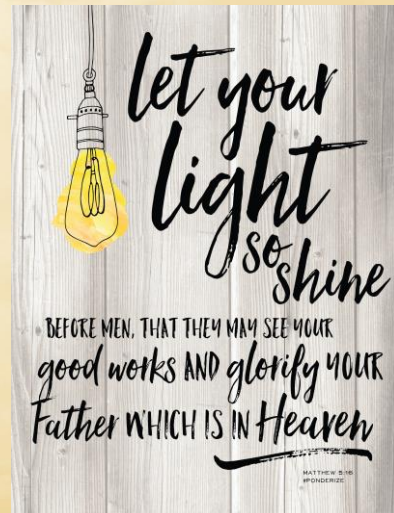
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7. In what ways do you hide your commitment to Him?

- **Speech:** - Depending on who is around it is tempting to not speak about Jesus and my faith in Him (Gossip, Cursing, Anger, Doubt, Worldliness, etc.)
- **Actions:** - Sometimes we hide our faith by what we spend our time on – Certain Movies, Music, Activity Websites (Facebook, YouTube, etc.)
- **Thoughts:** – I don't always Think like a Christian – On The things of this World, Rather than Eternal things (Heaven, the Gospel, Church, Others)

For others to easily identify us as disciples of Jesus, we must walk closely with Him and root our identity in Him.

Living out our identity in Christ is the only way to be fully alive. Otherwise, we're guilty of claiming Jesus with our mouths but living life as if He doesn't exist.



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Glorious Father, I thank You for revealing Yourself to me by Your Amazing Grace. I ask Your forgiveness Lord God, for my sins and shortcomings against You and others.

I thank You for the precious gift of eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Father, I re-dedicate my life to You, to the Gospel and to the Church of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Empower me with Your Holy Spirit To Live for You.

I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.