

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, October 8, 2017

Passage: Various

Memory Passage: Acts 4:11-12

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Acts 4:1-31:** The 5 Solas (Latin for “alone”) are Sola Scripture, Sola Gratia, Sola Fide, Solus Christus, and Soli Deo Gloria. They can be expressed in this way: “Salvation is: revealed in the scriptures alone, by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, for the glory of God alone.” We examined Sola Scriptura during Reformation 2015, Sola Gratia in 2016, and this year we will examine Solus Christus (this week) and Soli Deo Gloria (on Reformation Sunday).

(b) For what reasons were Peter & John arrested and brought before the council (cf. 4:2; 4:7 [3:1-10])?

(c) How do they answer the council’s question (4:10-12)?

(d) Why do the apostles emphasize the “name” of Jesus (vs. 10-12, 17-18, 30), and what do they mean by this?

(e) These believers asked God for boldness to proclaim His word (v. 30). In what ways must the church today be bold in proclaiming the name of Jesus as the only way to salvation?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

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(a) **Read John 14:6-14.** What do these verses tell you about Jesus’ role with and relationship to the Father?

(b) Explain what Jesus means by claiming to be “the way, and the truth, and the life” (14:6; don’t neglect considering how these claims fulfill OT types and symbols)?

(c) What do each of these have to do with gaining access to the Father (14:6)?

(d) Why is the question of access to the Father important for us to understand and teach today (don’t neglect considering the church’s evangelism, discipleship, missions, and your own life of worship and obedience)?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

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(a) **Read Luke 24:13-27.** Why were the disciples disappointed (v. 21) with the events of the previous 3 days?

(b) What does Jesus’ response tell you about salvation as taught in the OT? Is it different than in the NT? Explain.

(c) What might Jesus have said to the disciples as He taught them what these passages taught about Himself: Ex. 26:31-33; Lev. 16; Numb. 17:5; especially in light of John 14:6?

(d) How does Luke 24:27 help us interpret & understand the OT? Must every verse in the OT speak of Christ? Explain.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 Tim. 2:1-6.** Given our context, who are the “all people” God desires to be saved?

(b) In what way does the “for” that begins v. 5 connect vs. 5-6 with v. 4?

(c) What is a mediator, and why do humans need a mediator to stand between themselves and God?

(d) According to v. 6, what has Jesus done to qualify as the “one mediator” between God and man?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 Tim. 2:1-6 & Heb. 8:1-13.** What does Hebrews 8 add to your understanding of Christ as the only mediator?

(b) Why was the Old Covenant ineffective?

(c) Why is the New Covenant better than the Old Covenant?

(d) Summarize what you have learned this week about salvation in Christ alone. Write down at least 3 more applications of this truth for your own life, and at least 3 more reasons why this doctrine is needed as an antidote for contemporary practices.

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