



WHAT IS NEXT?

Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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1. PRIMARY STATEMENT: Being a kid is fun! Playing all summer, cookies for Santa, pool parties, sleepovers... but eventually, we need to grow up and begin to take responsibility for the more serious concerns in life. Our spiritual life is the same way - we're not meant to stay children forever - we have to grow up!

2. DISCUSSION

Galatians 3:3 [ESV]

"In the same way we also, when we were children [spiritually], were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world."

We all start life as spiritual children, but not everyone matures. That's why discipleship is so important - we have to take steps to grow in our understanding of who God is, how He views the world, and what He wants from our lives.



Q. What's a concept from the Bible you understand now, that you didn't get when you were younger spiritually?

Q. How did you gain an understanding of that concept?

Q. How does that understanding affect the way you live your life for God?

3. CHALLENGE

Hebrews 5:12-6:1 [ESV] *"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God... Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity..."*

You can't learn calculus if you haven't mastered addition and subtraction. We need to grow in our understanding of God, from the basics on up. It's a lifelong process - one that's essential for anyone who's serious about serving God with their life.

Q. Where would you rate yourself on spiritual maturity? A child? A pre-teen? A Ph.D?

Q. Wherever you're at in the journey, there's a next step. What is that step for you? Going over the basics again to make sure they're solid? Being coached spiritually in more advanced topics? Becoming a spiritual mentor to train up young Christians?

Whatever the next step is for you, don't wait, take action today! Go to abundantlifechurches.org/next and sign up for your next step.



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family: thank God for growing you from a spiritual baby to where you are today. Ask the Holy Spirit to keep guiding you into spiritual maturity and commit as a family to be actively engaged in the process in whatever ways you can.



“WHO WILL GO TO HEAVEN?”

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1. POWER VERSE: **Matthew 22:37** “...You must love the LORD your God with all of your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.”

Watts Up: “I Will Follow Jesus With All Of My Heart!”

This week, we finish the series called, “Ouch!”. This week, we learn from the parable of the two builders. We learn what it means to follow Jesus with all of our heart.

2. BIBLE VERSE:

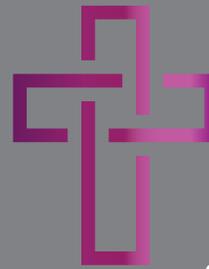
Matthew 7:24-27 “So then, everyone who hears my words and puts them into practice is like a wise man. He builds his house on the rock. The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow and beat against that house. But it does not fall. It is built on the rock. But everyone who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man. He builds his house on sand. The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow and beat against that house. And it falls with a loud crash.”



Q. Where did the wise man build his house? Where did the foolish man build his house? What happened to their houses when the storm came?

Q. To whom did Jesus compare the wise man? To whom did He compare the foolish man?

3. DISCUSSION:



To be a Christian means that we follow Jesus and we live our life for Him daily. Unfortunately, many people are confused about this. They think that as long as long as they go to church, do some good deeds, and CLAIM to be a Christian, then that means they are going to Heaven.

Jesus taught that it takes much more than that. In order to go to Heaven, we must receive His forgiveness for our sin and have a relationship with Him.

Q. Do you see yourself as the wise man or the foolish man from the story?

Q. What does it mean to you to follow Jesus? Are you living like that in your life?



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Ask you children if they want to ask Jesus to be their Savior if they haven't already. Pray with them to receive forgiveness of their sins. Celebrate their brand new life in Jesus! Pray that they will follow Jesus closely and do what He leads them to do.