



LENSES: PART 3

Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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1. PRIMARY STATEMENT: All of us were born with a “me” - shaped lens, a world view where the our values and decisions are based on our physical urges, desires, and what benefits us. When we come to God, we get access to a new way of looking at things - a “God” - lens, where our values and decisions are subjected to His ways and His plans. The trouble is, the “me” lens doesn’t just go quietly...

2. DISCUSSION:

Romans 8:6-7 [NLT] *“So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God’s laws, and it never will.”*

The “me” lens, our default sinful-nature view, will always push for dominance. Through the Spirit’s power, we have to choose God’s view in every situation in life.



Q. What areas do you think people in today’s culture have the hardest time choosing God’s lens in?

Q. What area(s) do you have the hardest time choosing God’s lens in?

3. CHALLENGE:

Romans 6:1-2 [NLT] *“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?”*

Serving God is a constant series of choices to use His lens instead of ours. Every new topic is a new battleground, but the longer we fight, the better we get at choosing God’s way.

Q. What’s an area that used to be a me vs. God lens struggle for you, but has improved?

Q. What’s an area that’s still a contested battle?



God doesn’t expect perfection, but He does expect persistence. Don’t give up! Keep fighting to use God’s perspective!



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family: thank God for redeeming your Spirit and giving you access to a better way to see the world. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the strength to choose His way in every situation in life.



“HELPING OTHERS”

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1. POWER VERSE: Psalms 82:3-4 *“Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”*

What’s Up: “God wants us to share His love, and help others in every way we can!”

In this week’s lesson we learned that God loved us so much, that He gave His son Jesus to die for us. He wants us to do everything we can to share His love all around the world.

One of the ways we can do that is by giving to BGMC,
(Boys and Girls Missionary Challenge.)

2. DISCUSSION:



Q. In what ways has God blessed our family?

Q. What are some ways that we can share the things He has given us?

Q. Why is it important that we try to help others?

God has blessed us with many things, like a great church, a wonderful family, a home, food, and so much more. We have a lot of friends and family that could help us out if we needed something. He expects us to help boys, girls, and families that don’t have friends to help out.

3. CHALLENGE:



The kids at our church are working with BGMC to help boys and girls at a school in Thailand.

Q. What can you tell me about these kids and their school?

Q. What are 3 things that we can do together this week, to help meet our kids church missions giving goal?



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for the children at the Shang Rai Christian School in the mountains of Thailand. Ask God to keep them safe and that the missionaries and teachers would be a great blessing to them. Pray that our kids would be excited about giving to missions, and God would give them creative and fun ideas to meet our BGMC goal to pay for all the kids to attend the school for one year.