



HAPPINESS= SERVING OTHERS

Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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1. PRIMARY STATEMENT: Jesus said, “the greatest among you will be your servant.” We’re called to serve and meet the needs of others... which can be a counterintuitive, counter-cultural thing, at times. When we do, though, we not only make God happy - we find happiness ourselves.

2. BIBLE VERSE:

Romans 12:13 [ESV]

“I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment...”

Being a servant to others begins with an accurate understanding of where your position is. As long as you see yourself as more important than others, you’ll never be able to spend yourself to meet their needs.

Q. Name 2 or 3 of the most selfless-giving people you’ve known. From what you can tell, do/did they serve out of obligation, or did they just value others more than themselves? How did their selflessness benefit you?



Q. If a poll were taken of 100 people close to you, how would they rate your view of your own importance? Would they label

you as selfless, selfish, or somewhere in between?

3. DISCUSSION:

1 Peter 5:6 [ESV] *“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,”*

If you puff yourself up full of self-importance, God will have to spend time bringing you back down to earth. If you live humble, though, and serve others, God will raise you up and bring you honor and fulfillment.

Q. It’s easy to serve kind, selfless people, but not everyone in life falls into that category. Who are the people in your life who are the hardest to serve?

Q. Why do you think that is?

Q. Does that change God’s expectation of you?

Q. Think of a time when you willingly gave time, energy, attention, or money to serve others.

Q. How fulfilled did you feel afterward?

Q. Did that act increase or deflate your happiness?



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes to thank Jesus for setting the example of selfless service. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you keep the right view of yourself, so you can invest your life in serving others.



“THE GOOD SHEPHERD”

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1. POWER VERSE: Psalm 23:1 *“The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.”*

What’s up: “I Will Follow The Lord, ‘Cause He’s My Shepherd!”

This week we start a new series “The Good Shepherd.” We will spend the next few weeks learning how God is the Shepherd who longs to take care of His sheep - Us!

2. READ:

Luke 15:1-7 “Then Jesus told them a story. He said, ‘Suppose one of you has 100 sheep and loses one of them. Won’t he leave the 99 in the open country? Won’t he go and look for the one lost sheep until he finds it? When he finds it, he will joyfully put it on his shoulders and go home. Then he will call his friends and neighbors together. He will say, ‘Be joyful with me. I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you, it will be the same in heaven. There will be great joy when one sinner turns away from sin. Yes, there will be more joy than for 99 godly people who do not need to turn away from their sins.”

Q. How many sheep were there in the story? What happened to one of the sheep?

Q. What did the shepherd do for the one sheep that was missing?

Q. Who/What does the sheep represent?



3. DISCUSSION:

In our Bible Story, one sheep was missing. The shepherd left 99 of his sheep to go find the one that was lost. We learn from this story that God, our shepherd, will do whatever it takes to find one of his sheep (us!) that is lost or missing.

Q. What do you think it means for a person to be lost or missing?



Q. Why do you think God cares so much about one person who is missing?

That’s Right! God loves us so much, He will do whatever it takes to be in relationship with us. And when we are in relationship with Him, He will do whatever He can to take care of us and meet our needs. He is “The Good Shepherd” who wants to take care of us. He loves us and wants us to have everything we need!!!



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for the members of your family that they will be in right relationship with God. Give each child an opportunity to respond to an opportunity to accept Him. Also, give each child a chance to share a need that maybe they need God to meet as their “Good Shepherd.”