

No Ordinary Family

Obedient Family February 6, 2011

Week 1: Does God's Will from the Heart

Main Objective: This lesson will focus on what it means to do God's will from the heart. Talk about how this relates to every aspect of their lives (family, friends, school, etc...)

Read these verses together and then ask the questions below.

Ephesians 6:5-9

1. What does this passage mean to you? How can we apply these verses to our lives, even though we aren't slaves? Who should we obey? How can we obey our parents the way Christ wants us to?

Galatians 1:10

2. In what ways do you try to get approval from "man" (someone else) other than from God? Why do you think we do this? How are we "people-pleasers?" Why should we want approval from Christ in everything we do?

Colossians 3:23-24

3. How can we do things for the Lord in our lives? How do we do God's will from the heart? What does this look like in your life?
4. What does it mean to serve Christ, right now, in your life? What is the reward that is talked about in these verses? Why should Christ be our focus?

Proverbs 4:23

5. What does it mean to guard your heart? Why should we do this? How can we guard our hearts? How does guarding our hearts relate to doing God's will?

Hebrews 13:17

6. In what ways do you obey your parents, teachers, student leaders, etc.? Do you do this joyfully? Why/Why not? Why would God want you to do this joyfully? Why do we do it begrudgingly?

Psalms 86:11-12

7. Do you think that God would teach you and lead you on His path? How can He do this for us?
8. What does it mean to have an undivided heart? What does it mean to fear God? How does this all relate back to doing God's will?

1 John 2:4-6

9. How can we please God and do His will on a daily basis according to these verses? How can we keep the commandments of God?
10. What does it look like to “walk the same way Christ walked?” What does this mean to you? Are you doing this in your life? Why/Why not?

Pray as a group for everyone to do God’s will from the heart and how that looks in their lives.

Discipling Family February 13, 2011

Week 2: Builds Spiritual Leaders

Main Objective: This lesson will talk about how God has made parents the authority in their children's lives. You will also talk about what it looks like to be a spiritual leader and how the student can be responsible to build and grow their relationship with Christ.

Read these verses together and then ask the questions below.

Ephesians 6:1-4

1. Why should we obey our parents? Does this include parents who may not know the Lord? Why is it hard to obey your parents sometimes?
2. How do we honor our parents? Do you do this on a daily basis? What do you think of the promise that goes with this command? Do you really believe that things will go well for you if you obey and honor your parents? Why/Why not?
3. What is the difference between really honoring your parents and just tolerating them? Why does this matter? How can you change your attitude towards your parents? What are some things that you need to change in how you have been acting towards your parents?

Romans 13:1-5

4. God has placed your parents as the authority in your life right now. What does this passage say about authorities?
5. What does it mean to submit to your parents? What does that look like in your life? What do you think about verse 2, that if you rebel against your parents, you are really rebelling against God? If we can't submit to our parents, do you think you will be able to submit to Christ? (If we obey our parents, it is easier to obey God)
6. Colossians 3:20 – what would be the benefits of obeying your parents?

1st Timothy 4:6-16

7. How can we become spiritual leaders? How can you train for godliness? How can you grow in your walk without being spoon-fed by your family or others?
8. Read verse 12 – how can we be an example to all believers in what we say? How can people see Christ in how you lives out your life daily?
9. Would people be able to see Christ in your actions and how you act towards other people? Do you live your life in a way that honors Christ?
10. Read verse 16 – (don't think that you aren't able to fall). How do we keep our eyes on Christ? Do you have a daily time where you meet with God? Why is this important? How does digging into God's Word help you grow? (Talk about how to apply what God's Word says to their lives, and how to have a quiet time)

Pray and talk about how growing closer to Christ will ultimately lead to growing closer to their parents and family.

Praying Family February 20, 2011

Week 3: Practices Prayer Consistently

Main Objective: This lesson will show students the power that prayer can have in their lives. It will give the students a guide to pray the armor of God. Pray this as a group during your lesson.

Read these verses together and then ask the questions below.

Ephesians 6:10-20

1. How can we be strong and mighty in the Lord? Who is the one (enemy) that we are fighting against (John 10:10)? Why is it important to know who our enemy is?
2. Read verses 13-17 – Give your students this simple guide to pray the armor of God – pray this together as a group:
Vs 13- FULL ARMOR: “God, please give me the ability and desire to live fully devoted to You”
Vs 14- TRUTH: “God, give me the wisdom to seek Your Truth in every situation”
Vs 14- RIGHTEOUSNESS: “God, may my protection from Your enemies be the righteousness I have because of who You are”
Vs 15- PEACE: “God, make me ready to tell anyone You put in my life about how Jesus Christ has changed my life”
Vs 16- FAITH: “God, help me to have a complete and perfect trust in You so I will be able to defeat temptation”
Vs 17- SALVATION: “God, thank You for my salvation which was available to me because of what You did on the Cross”
Vs 17- WORD OF GOD: “God, thanks for giving me a guide to live my life by”
Vs 18- PRAYER: “God, remind me that my communication with You is vital to my success as a Christian”
3. Why should this prayer be important in our lives? How does this apply to your life?
4. What do you normally pray for? Do you take time to pray for your family or friends? What are some specific ways that you can pray for them?

1st Thessalonians 5:17

5. What do you think it means to pray continually? Does it mean to pray every second or something different?
6. Who do you normally turn to when something happens in your life? How do we learn to turn to Christ in every situation?

Philippians 4:6-7

7. What are some things that you worry about? Why should we pray about everything?
8. Verse 6 tells us to thank God for all that He has done in our lives. Is this hard for you to do? Are you thankful for your family? Do you thank God for that?

9. What is the promise in these verses? Why is God's peace important in your life? How does it help you in your family or friendships?
10. Why should prayer be important in your life? (prayer shows that you depend on God for everything). How can praying for your family help your relationship with them?

Take time as a group to pray for everyone's family.

Serving Family February 27,2011

Week 3: Engages in Local Church

Main Objective: This lesson will touch on the importance of the church, why we need the church as students. You will talk about why students should be a part of the body of Christ. This lesson will talk about how God wants them to engage and why we need community.

Read these verses together and then ask the questions below.

Ephesians 4:11-16

1. Is the church just a building? Who/What makes up the church? (the body of believers are always the church, it is never a building) Why is being a part of a church important in your walk with Christ?
2. How can being around other Christians help you in your walk with God? Do you think placing yourself around other Christians can help you not fall into temptation? Why/Why not?
3. How do we all work together as the body of Christ? (Read 1 Corinthians 12:14-19). How can you use your gifts in the church? What can you do right now as a student? How can belonging to a church help us grow in our relationship with Christ?

Acts 2:42-47

4. Are you filled with the expectancy of what God will do in the church and in your lives as believers? What are some things that you would love to see God do among your friends and family? Why do we sometimes not expect God to do anything in our lives and our family?
5. The people in Acts met in homes every day, expecting God to do something. They chose to do things for God and grow in their walks. Why do we expect to be spoon fed at church? Why do we choose to sit on the sidelines and not live out for the Lord? What can you do to serve at church instead of always being served? Does it help when you have someone step out with you? Why?

Matthew 28:19-20

6. What was Jesus' mission to the disciples? Was it just to the disciples or to us as Christ followers as well?
7. What is the mission of our church? What does this mission look like in your life as a student?
8. What does it look like to share the gospel with your friends or students at your school? What holds you back from doing this? How, as students, do we complete or participate in the mission that Christ has commanded us to do?
9. How can we get the heart and compassion for people that Jesus had for them? Think about the way you treat your parents, family, and friends this week. Is this the way that Jesus would want you to treat them?
10. How important is the church to you? Are you trying to get by on your own? Why do you choose to look everywhere else besides the body of Christ? How

can we learn that the church is a place where we can belong and be accepted by Christ and others?