

Greetings! Peace of Jesus to you! As lent continues, I pray that it continues to lead you closer to Jesus!

This is the parent letter for parents of 9th-12th graders about The Chosen gathering that was on Monday March 1st.

We gathered with a prayer and immediately reviewed last week's assignment of doing Lectio Divina with Psalm 51. Again, only a handful of youth had done it so I read it to them and we talked about it for a bit. With the goal of mentioning the line create in me a clean heart Oh God. That transitioned us into the game or should I say test.

The game or test was also a part of the assignment from the previous week. Write down the beatitudes and bring them. Here is the test and answers.

Write the answer in the space below the question. If you brought the answers, go get them, You have 2 min starting now. If you did not bring the answers, You have 1 min. Starting now. If you know where the answers are in your bible, go get them, you have 2 min.

Q 1. If you become this, you will be to be blessed for the kingdom of heaven is yours!
What must you be?

Answer: Poor in Spirit.

Q 2. If you do this, you will be blessed and be comforted. What must you do?

Answer: Morn.

Q 3. If you become this, you will be blessed and inherit the land! What must you become?

Answer: Meek

Q 4. If you do this will be blessed and be satisfied! What must you do?

Answer: Hunger and thirst for righteousness

Q 5. If you give this, you will be blessed and it will be given to you! What must you give others?

Answer: Merciful.

Q 6. If you become this you will be blessed and you will see God! What must you be?

Answer: Clean/Pure of heart.

Q 7. If you are one of these, you will be blessed and called one of the children of God, you are a ... **Answer: Peacemaker.**

Q 8. If this happens to you, you will be blessed and for the kingdom of heaven to be yours!
What will happen to bring about this blessing?

Answer: Persecution for the sake of righteousness.

The point was that if they prepared, they would do well, and if they could find the answer in the Bible that was just as good. We are to write Gods word on our hearts and be ready if called upon to witness or speak for Him. Ultimately be ready for the final exam. When we meet Jesus Face to face. Live it now. We also discussed spiritual warfare briefly. And how being on the side of Jesus is the winning side.

Then we watched the videos.

LESSON TWENTY:

WHAT WOULD JESUS DO? | SEGMENT 1 - THE BEATITUDES

Grace makes you great! This session defines the eight beatitudes, which serve as guide lights on the road to everlasting grace. The more you learn about these dispositions to do good, the better you will know how to act like Jesus in all things.

SEGMENT 2 - THE BEATITUDES IN ACTION

Put the beatitudes into action in this session, which shows how practice makes perfect in the life of grace. Knowing the beatitudes in your heart urges you to live these teachings in the midst of the human experience. You also see a powerful witness of living the beatitudes in this session.

SEGMENT 3 - LIVING THE BEATITUDES

Jesus wants to give you a life overflowing with happiness and joy. But that life can never fully be found until you are with him in eternity. This session portrays the incredible love that awaits you in the beatific vision. Getting there requires a continual growth in holiness.

After watching these videos, we did Lectio Divina for the beatitudes. After that I shared a metaphor for Confirmation and That face to face meeting with Jesus and what we hope to hear. Well done. What we do and how we live and what is in our hearts matter and without Jesus we cannot do what we were made to do.

This week I would strongly encourage you to ask your youth about their walk with Jesus so far. Is prayer something they understand? Something they enter into?

The assignment is to read the Sermon on the mount, basically Mathew Chapter 5,6 and 7. Then go back to your favorite part and do Lectio Divina.

Live well and peace of Jesus to you! In everything, walk with Jesus! Learn from Him, follow Him, imitate Him, focus on Him and stay with Him.

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