

Christ's Life Living In Me

September: Jesus is Eternal

Theme: Jesus Is Eternal: Forever the Word (9/2)

John 1:1-2: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

Reflection Questions: What are the best words that anyone has ever said to you? What made them the best words? Why is it important to believe that Jesus is the eternal Word? Explain how Jesus – the eternal Word of God - could both be *with* God and *be* God.

Family Devotion Question:

Since the Word has always existed, what priority should the Bible have in your plans, activities, finances, relationships, etc.?

How does your family show that the Bible is a priority? How could you improve in this area?

Theme: Jesus Is Eternal: The Creator (9/9)

John 1:3: Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

RQ: List several unique things that God has created in and/or for you.
How does thinking of Jesus as your Creator help improve your appreciation of Him?

Family Devotion Question: Based in this verse, what roles do you think each member of the Trinity played in the creation of all things?

How does the fact that Jesus made everything influence your attitude toward caring for the creation?

Theme: Jesus Is Eternal: My Savior (9/16)

John 5:24: I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

RQ: What truths or assurances does God's Word give to you regarding your salvation? (give references)

Family Devotion Question: What is the relationship between faith and hope? What does this passage say about the importance of the Object of your faith and hope?

Small Group Meeting (9/23)

October: Jesus is Savior

Theme: Jesus is Savior: He was rejected (9/30)

John 1:10-11: He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

RQ: What attribute of Christ impresses you the most as you consider the fact that so many people reject Him? How might Christ's example encourage you during the times when people reject you simply because you are living according to His commands.

Family Devotion Question: How have your actions demonstrated that *you* have received Christ? What are some actions that would indicate a rejection of Him?

Theme: Jesus is Savior: He is rejected (10/7)

Isaiah 53:6: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

RQ: How should other people's rejection of Christ affect your relationship with them? What should you do when people around you show open defiance of Christ's commands (think of a specific situation)?

Family Devotion Question: How could God consider it "fair" that one Man would be punished for the sins of others? Does God suffer? Explain.

Theme: Jesus is Savior: He desires to reject no one (10/14)

2 Peter 3:9: The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

RQ: Who is the most patient person you know? How has their patience benefitted you? Should you ever give up sharing the gospel with the unsaved? Why or why not?

Family Devotion: Discuss several specific ways that your family could express the love of Christ and witness to those around you?

Small Group Meeting (10/21)

November: Jesus is Life

Theme: Jesus is Life: New Family (10/28)

John 1:12-13: Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

RQ: Have you received Christ and believed in his name through faith? Explain.
What does the idea of being a part of God's family mean to you?

Family Devotion Question: What do you think it means to be "born of God"? How do you think your family would change if your parents were to adopt a child?

Theme: Jesus is Life: New Creation (11/4)

2 Corinthians 5:17: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

RQ: What do you think it means to be "in Christ"? Compare and contrast the "old" and the "new" for those who are "in Christ"? Who or what should control your life?

Family Devotion Question: Ask your parents how their life has changed since they came to know Christ.

Theme: Jesus is Life: New Body (11/11)

Romans 12:4-5: Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

RQ: According to this verse, the church is made up of what kind of people? What gift has God given to you? How could you use that gift to improve your church?

Family Devotion Question: List some specific ways that your family acts like one body? What are some ways that your family does not act like one body? What would it take for this to change?

Small Group Meeting (11/18)

December/January: Jesus is Truth

Theme: Jesus is Truth: Believe it (12/2)

John 14:6-7: Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

RQ: Define "truth". Suppose you are friends with a person who doubts that truth really exists. How might you help convince your friend that Jesus is the Truth?

Family Devotion Question: List the names of your father and grandfathers. Reflect on how your day-to-day actions allow others to “see” your earthly father. Compare notes with your parents - how can you “see” your grandfathers in their lives? What means does God use to reveal himself to us? Why doesn’t everyone see God?

Theme: Jesus is Truth: Show it (12/9)

Colossians 1:10: And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.

RQ: What actions or words in your life might keep someone from believing that you are a Christian? How might these keep someone from believing in God? What do you plan to do about this?

Family Devotion Question: Since salvation is a free gift, what “good” are your good works? How do you and your parents normally respond to gifts? Now share how this reaction has flavored each of your responses to God’s grace?

Service Projects AM / Small Group Chapel Planning Monday (1/4)
No Chapel/J-Term (1/6)

Theme: Jesus is Truth: Share it (1/13)

1 Peter 3:15: But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

RQ: If someone would ask you how to know Christ as Savior, what would you tell them? What Bible passages would you share with this person? (List references)

Family Devotion Question: Ask your parents to tell you about the most influential people in their walk with God. Now as your parents to tell you about the person who led them to the Lord. Was it this person’s words or the actions that influenced your parents the most?

Small Group Meeting (1/20)

February: Jesus is Light

Theme: Jesus is Light: My life (1/27)

Psalm 27:1: The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

RQ: What do you fear most right now? What is the first thing you do when you are afraid or confused? How is God your stronghold?

Family Devotion Question: Describe some good “strongholds” in your community? Now describe how these strongholds have been a blessing to your family.

Theme: Jesus is Light: My relationship with others (2/3)

1 John 1:7: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

RQ: Describe in specific terms how Jesus has purified you from “all sin”? How has the “light” in your life improved the fellowship within your family? ... among your friends? ... with your teachers?

FD: What can your family do to show your neighbors or unsaved family members that you live for Jesus? Is it obvious that yours is a Christ centered family? Explain.

Theme: Jesus is Light: My relationship with God (2/10)

1 John 1:8-9: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

RQ: Explain why it is a deception to believe that you are without sin. Describe how sin keeps Christians from living the life that God desires for them? What must you do to keep sin out of your life? (see Ps. 119:11)

Family Devotion Question: Ask your parents if there has ever been a time in their life when they deceived themselves and were living in sin or disobedience and trying to justify it. What became of this self-deception?

Small Group Meeting (2/17)

March: Jesus is Grace

Theme: Jesus is Grace: He covers (2/24)

Ephesians 2:8-9: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-not by works, so that no one can boast.

RQ: What is the most expensive gift that you have ever received? ...that you have ever given? While salvation is a free gift to us from God, purchasing that gift was pricey – describe its cost to God. How should the great cost of salvation’s gift keep you from boasting about all the “good” things you may do?

Family Devotion Question: What would Christianity look like if there was something you could do to earn your salvation? How do other religions compare to Christianity regarding the “cost” of salvation?

Theme: Jesus is Grace: He strengthens (3/3)

2 Corinthians 12:9: But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

RQ: Think of one of your “weaknesses”. How might God use that weakness to show you his perfect power? List some benefits that you have received because of God’s grace.

Family Devotion Question: How do the difficulties in your life draw you closer to God? Discuss a specific example (or two) that show how God’s grace has the worked through a weakness in your life?

Theme: Jesus is Grace: He blesses (3/10)

John 1:16: From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.

RQ: List several blessings from God in your life. What kind of person has or does God bless? (List references)

Family Devotion Question: Discuss with your parents several of God’s blessings on your family.

Small Group Meeting (3/17)

Small Group Chapel Presentation (3/24)

Small Group Chapel Presentations (3/31)

April: Jesus Deserves Glory

Theme: Jesus Deserves Glory: Through worship (4/14)

Psalm 96:2-3: Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

RQ: What is your favorite worship song? Why? Define worship - how, where, and when do you worship?

Family Devotion Question: How does the Bible define worship? Discuss specific ways that you could (or do) worship God as a family. Compare and contrast how “declaring” God’s glory may vary from one culture (nations, peoples) to another.

Theme: Jesus Deserves Glory: Through walk (4/21)

Matthew 5:16: In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

RQ: What should be your main goal/reason for doing good deeds and/or helping others?
What are some actions or attitudes to avoid when helping others?

Family Devotion Question: How can people tell that your deeds are motivated from a desire to please God and not from selfish reasons?

Theme: Jesus Deserves Glory: Through witness (4/28)

Acts 1:8: But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

RQ: What is the greatest blessing you could give someone? How can your life bring more blessing to the lives of others? According to this verse, what boundaries does Jesus put on telling others about Him?

Family Devotion Question: Ask your parents to think of someone in your church who they believe is filled and empowered with the Holy Spirit – and then ask them to describe the evidence of the Spirit in that person's life.

Small Group Meetings (5/5)

Senior Chapel (5/12)

Prayer Chapel (5/19)