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LifeGroups
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TRANSFORMATION

"And we... are being transformed into His likeness."

2 Corinthians 3:18

CHETS TOP 5

"Letters to God"
Movie Tickets
April 11th

Life University
Blitz begins
April 14th • 7:00 p.m.

Children's
FUNraiser Dinner
April 14th • 6:00 p.m.

"Secrets of the
Mountain" Movie
April 16th • 8:00 p.m.

Beach Baptism
April 25th • 5:00 p.m.

Discussion Guide

Life Sentences - "Jonathan"

FOCUS: to examine David and Jonathan's friendship and be challenged to apply their characteristics of friendship with his/her friends and in their relationship to the Lord.

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." **Proverbs 17:17**

Discuss the following key characteristics of a healthy relationship with the Lord and with your friends.

Loyalty

- How did Jonathan demonstrate his loyalty to:
 - The Lord (1 Samuel 20:30-31; Isaiah 23:15-17):
 - To David (1 Samuel 18:1-4; 20:4, 14-17):
- Are you loyal to God's plan? If so, how? If not, why not?

Faith

- How did Jonathan demonstrate his faith to:
 - The Lord (1 Samuel 14:1, 6, 10, 12, 45):
 - To David:
- How strong is your faith in the Lord right now? How can your faith increase?
- How do you demonstrate your faith in the Lord?
 - In your best friend(s)?

Courage

- How did Jonathan demonstrate his courage to:
 - The Lord (1 Samuel 14:6-9, 13-15, 43-45; 19:1-2; 20:30-34)
 - To David (1 Samuel 23:15-17)
- How are you living courageously for the Lord?
 - For your friends?

Humility

- How did Jonathan demonstrate humility to:
 - The Lord and David (1 Samuel 18:4; 20:31-32; 23:17)
- How do you live humbly for God?
 - For your friends?



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Read Thru the Bible

"How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey. Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life. Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."

Psalm 119:103-105

April	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalm	Proverbs
11	Deuteronomy 19:14-21:23	Luke 9:23-45	44:9-16	10:31-32
12	Deuteronomy 22:1-23:25	Luke 9:46-62	44:17-26	11:1-4
13	Deuteronomy 24:1-26:19	Luke 10:1-24	45:1-5	11:5-6
14	Deuteronomy 27:1-28:14	Luke 10:25-11:4	45:6-12	11:6-8
15	Deuteronomy 28:15-68	Luke 11:5-28	45:13-17	11:9-11
16	Deuteronomy 29:1-30:20	Luke 11:29-54	46:1-11	11:12-13
17	Deuteronomy 31:1-29	Luke 12:1-21	47:1-9	11:14-15
18	Deuteronomy 31:30-32:52	Luke 12:22-40	48:1-7	11:16-18

LifeGroup Prayer Requests:

"You are not responsible for everyone in the church family - but you are responsible to them. So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

LOOKING TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah - John 12:41

To discuss the characteristics of God's holiness and be challenged to live as children of a holy God.

MONDAY - APRIL 12, 2010

Read Isaiah 6:1-4: God Is High and Exalted

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3 And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." 4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

Isaiah enters into God's throne room.

- What awe-inspiring sights did Isaiah see around the throne of God?
- From these verses, how would you answer the question "What is God like?"
- What does "holy" mean?
- 1 Peter 1:15 says, "But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do." Are you holy? What do you need to change in your life to be more like God?

TUESDAY - APRIL 13, 2010

Read Isaiah 6:5-7: God Offers Love and Forgiveness

5 "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." 6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

Isaiah catches a glimpse of his own sinfulness.

- How did Isaiah's experience cause him to see himself?
- What provision was made to deal with Isaiah's guilt?
- What are some sins that would lead to the feeling of having "unclean lips?"
- Sacrificial animals were burned at the altar to atone for the sins of men. Why is it significant that the angel took a live coal from the altar and touched it to Isaiah's lips?
- For what sins do you need forgiveness?

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 14, 2010

Read Isaiah 6:3b: God Is Glorious, But Grieved By Sin

3 And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The angels said "The whole earth is full of his glory."

- What in our world today gives evidence of God's glory?
- Are there things in the world today that seem to dispute this statement? What are some of those things?
- What are some things in your life that grieve God?

THURSDAY - APRIL 15, 2010

Read Isaiah 6:8-13: God Is Sovereign and Worthy of Our Service

8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" 9 He said, "Go and tell this people: "'Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.' 10 Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed." 11 Then I said, "For how long, O Lord?" And he answered: "Until the cities lie ruined and without inhabitant, until the houses are left deserted and the fields ruined and ravaged, 12 until the LORD has sent everyone far away and the land is utterly forsaken. 13 And though a tenth remains in the land, it will again be laid waste. But as the terebinth and oak leave stumps when they are cut down, so the holy seed will be the stump in the land."

God called Isaiah to a life of service.

- In Isaiah's vision God asked "Whom shall I send?" How did Isaiah respond to God's call?
- When Isaiah said "Here am I. Send me!" did he know where he was going or what he would be doing there? Can you think of another Old Testament figure who followed God without knowing his destination? What are the life implications for us? Are you willing to go without knowing the details?
- How would you characterize the message that Isaiah was to deliver?
- Are you available to God? What do you need to do or to avoid doing in order to become more available?

FRIDAY - APRIL 16, 2010

Read John 12:41: Isaiah's "Life Sentence"

41 Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him.

In this verse John refers to Isaiah's life changing experience that is recorded in Isaiah 6.

- What two actions of Isaiah are recorded in this verse?
- What are some ways in which we can "see Jesus' glory" today?
- How are we sometimes blinded to spiritual truth?
- To whom do you need to "speak about Jesus" this week?