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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

East Asia
Mission Team
Commissioning
July 23rd - August 3rd

Preschool Day at
the Beach
Wednesday
July 21st • 10:00 a.m.

Singles to
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Saturday, July 24th

C.L.A.S.S. 101-401
Sunday, August 1st
5:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Promotion Sunday
Sunday, August 1st



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Discussion Guide

Life Sentences - "Love"

FOCUS: To discuss the nature of true Christ-like love and be challenged to impact others in love.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NIV)

- List how the following define love:
God The World
- Why would Paul speak about love between chapters 12 & 14 where he discusses spiritual gifts?
- Identify the 5 spiritual gifts that Paul lists in (1 Corinthians 13:1-3) and record why they would be useless without love.

Gift Reason it is useless without love
a. Tongues
b. Prophecy
c. Knowledge
d. Faith
e. Giving
- What do the following passages teach about love?
a. (Eph. 4:15)
b. (1 Thes. 4:9)
c. (1 John 4:19)
d. (John 13:34-35)
e. (Romans 5:5)
- Read (1 Corinthians 13:4-7) and write down the characteristics of love that you need to improve upon.
- Next, list how you can improve in each area.
- What does (v. 8) teach about the gift(s) of tongues, prophecy and knowledge?
- How do these three gifts go together?
- Why would these three gifts cease? (v. 10)
- What is the significance of (vs. 11-12)?
- How is your spiritual growth? Are you more mature than last year at this time? Are you loving more in Jesus' name?
- Why is love better than faith and hope? (v. 13)
- If loving in Christ's name endures forever, where can you get busy?

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

July	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalm	Proverbs
18	1 Chron 14:1-16:6	Acts 16:25-17:9	83:9-18	18:1-3
19	1 Chron 16:7-17:15	Acts 17:10-34	84:1-12	18:4-5
20	1 Chron 17:16-20:8	Acts 18:1-23	85:1-7	18:6-8
21	1 Chron 21:1-23:13	Acts 18:24-19:20	85:8-13	18:9-11
22	1 Chron 23:14-24:31	Acts 19:21-41	86:1-10	18:12-13
23	1 Chron 25:1-26:32	Acts 20:1-21	86:11-17	18:14-15
24	1 Chron 27:1-28:21	Acts 20:22-21:6	87:1-7	18:16-17
25	1 Chron 29:1-2 Chron 1:17	Acts 21:7-29	88:1-9	18:18-19

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

Faith - Hebrews 11:1-13

To be able to define biblical faith in their own words and identify at least one way that they will be people of faith in the coming week.

MONDAY - JULY 19, 2010

Read Hebrews 11:1-3: Faith Defined

1Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. 2This is what the ancients were commended for.

3By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

What is the first thing that you think when you read today's passage of scripture? That it is a lot of "double talk?" That faith cannot be understood? Perhaps the writer of Hebrews is saying that God has already prepared things for us for the future and that faith makes them real now.

- What does "hope" mean? Does it mean the same as "wish?" Consult your dictionary. What are some things that you "hope for?"
- What are some things of which one can be certain, even though they cannot be seen?
- How would you describe your present level of faith?
- How are faith and action related?

TUESDAY - JULY 20, 2010

Read Hebrews 11:4-7: Examples of Faith – Able, Enoch and Noah

4By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead. 5By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. 6And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. 7By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

Faith is an action word. Let's explore today what Able, Enoch and Noah DID as a result of their faith.

- What verb(s) describe Abel's faith? Who was the object of Abel's action?
- What did God do as a result of Enoch's faith? Read Genesis 5:21. How did Enoch "please God?" How can you "please God?" What is essential if we want to please God?
- What verb(s) describe Noah's faith? Do you think that it was easy for Noah to have faith? Why or why not? What was the result of his faith?

WEDNESDAY - JULY 21, 2010

Read Hebrews 11:8-10: Example of Faith – Abraham (Part 1)

8By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. 9By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Read Genesis 12:1-4. God told Abraham "Leave everything you know, everyone you know and your family." In ancient times belonging to a clan provided identity and security.

- In Hebrews 11:8, what action word describes Abraham's faith?
- It has been said that if faith does not involve risk it is not faith. Is this statement accurate? How is it evident in the life of Abraham?
- On a scale from 1 to 5, how would you rate your obedience to God?
- Review the definition of faith from Monday. Did Abraham practice that kind of faith? Why or why not?
- Re-read verse 9. Did God's promise to Abraham come true in Abraham's lifetime? What affect did this have on Abraham's faith?

THURSDAY - JULY 22, 2010

Read Hebrews 11:11-12: Example of Faith – Abraham (Part 2)

11By faith Abraham, even though he was past age—and Sarah herself was barren—was enabled to become a father because he[a]considered him faithful who had made the promise. 12And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

Read Genesis 21:1-5. God promised Abraham something that was unbelievable! Abraham's faith in God was ridiculous by human standards.

- What did Abraham think about his God who made this impossible promise?
- What prompts believers to have faith, even when what God has promised seems impossible?
- Why does God ask us to have faith in such seemingly unattainable promises? What do our peers say when they find out about our faith?

FRIDAY - JULY 23, 2010

Read Hebrews 11:13: The Promise

13All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth.

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob never fully possessed the promised inheritance of the land of Canaan.

- How would you have felt had you been Abraham if, at the end of your life, the promise of God had not been fulfilled? Could you have “welcomed them from a distance?”
- What does it mean to be an alien and stranger on earth?
- Are you such a person, or do you “fit in nicely” with those who are not aliens and strangers? What do you need to change in your life to be different from today's culture?