

Personal weekly Bible readings to go deeper into Scripture.

Memory Verse: John 14:1

Day 1 – Chapter 26 of “The Story”

Day 2 – Mark 14:1-11, John 13

Day 3 – Luke 22-23:1-23

Day 4 – John 14; 16

Day 5 – Matthew 27

Questions to consider while reading the Bible:

Is there an example to follow?

Is there a sin to avoid?

Is there a promise to rely on?

Is there a command to obey?

Is there a challenge in which to respond?



The Story: Jesus, the Son of God

March 16-17, 2013

“The Story” Chapter 25; Matthew 17:1-13

Please use this space to take notes during the message today.



There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Matthew 17:2

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Adult and teen small group discussion points

Please use these discussion questions in your small group or with your teens.

1. What event in this chapter in the life of Jesus would you like to have witnessed? Why?
2. Jesus said we must “deny ourselves” and “take up our cross;” and if we seek to save our lives we will lose them. (pp. 353-354). What are the implications of these commands for your life, such as marriage, parenting, and career ambition?
3. Jesus was transfigured on the mountain (p. 354). The Greek word translated transfigured is the root of the English word metamorphosis which refers to a radical change. This same word is used in Romans 12:2 and 2 Corinthians 3:18. What do these verses teach us about the transformation of every believer?
4. Look up 1 John 1:5-7 and 2:8-11. What did Jesus mean when He said that “whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (p. 357)? What does this look like for the Christian living a typical daily life?
5. Up to this point, Jesus had claimed to be the bread of life, the water of life and the light of life. And here with Mary, Martha, the disciples and a crowd of mourners, He claimed to be the resurrection and the life with another I AM statement (p. 359). What is the relationship between belief and life? Between belief and resurrection?
6. Why do you suppose Jesus was “deeply moved in spirit,” “troubled,” and “wept?” Consider Genesis 2:17, Romans. 6:23, 1 Corinthians. 15:26, Hebrews. 2:14-15 and I Thessalonians 4:13-17. How has your faith helped you deal with death?
7. Three times Jesus predicted His death and resurrection (p. 354-55, and 362; Mark 8:31, 9:30-31, 10:32-34) and followed each with a lesson on discipleship (Mark 8:34-38, Mark 9:33-37, Mark 10:35-45). What principles of discipleship did Jesus teach and why would He relate them to His passion?
8. After Jesus entered Jerusalem as the rightful King of Israel, He cleansed the temple because some had turned it from a house of prayer into a place of corruption (p. 364). Suppose Jesus walked into our own church. With what would He be most pleased? What corrections might He make?

9. Jesus is the Savior, Messiah, and Lamb of God. He came to live a sinless life, die on the cross in our place, and rise again in glory to break the power of sin and death. How does the truth of his identity clarify your life purpose and direction?

Close in prayer.



Family’s with kids discussion points

Please use these discussion questions with your children.

Memory verse: They all shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Matthew 21:9

1. Jesus loves children. In this chapter of “The Story,” the disciples try to keep little children from coming to Jesus. Jesus did not like this at all, as he said, “Let the little children come to me.” How does that make you feel?
2. Do you think Jesus understands what it’s like to be a child? Why?
3. Jesus said, “Anyone who will not receive God’s kingdom like a little child will never enter it.” What do you think that means?
4. What part do you like best about Jesus?
5. What’s your favorite story about Jesus so far?

Pray together: Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of your only Son, Jesus Christ, as our Savior from sin. Thanks for sending Him as our substitute. There is no way that we can ever repay you for your goodness to us. Help us to tell those who may not know about you of your great love for all. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

