

LIFE LESSONS – Making it Live

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Looking Forward

Have you ever done something that you are sorry for? Maybe you have a secret that you have hidden in your heart because you are ashamed. Did you feel guilty? **Discuss** how we might feel responsible for the sin of another and carry the burden and pain of that? How do we repent of these wrongs; ask God to forgive us; throw away the chains of past sin, and look forward to our future with God? **Read: Ephesians 2:1-2.** **Discuss** how we can know that God can and will lead us in a new direction. “*It doesn’t matter so much where you have been, but in what direction you are going now*” Share how we can keep lingering sin from becoming Satan’s playground..

Life

So what direction are you going in this life? Are you still looking back at the past? Look at **Genesis 1:26-27.** What does God say about life? We are created in His image, His likeness. We are to reflect His glory. **Discuss** how do we do that if we are still holding on to past sin. Look at **John 3:16.** Because of the blood of Jesus we have everlasting life, if we just believe. He washes us clean, polished and shined so that we can be reborn from a life of sin, so that our Creator’s image could be restored and reflected in us once again. Share how you value your life since God does. **Read: Jeremiah 1:5** **Discuss:** Know that life, your life, and the life of an unborn child (unsaved child) are sacred to God and that He has a predestined plan for every one of us.

Conception

When does life begin? There are many debates about when physical life begins and some about spiritual life. But what does God say? In **Luke 1:41:44**, Elizabeth’s baby (*John*) leaped for joy in the womb at the sound of Mary’s voice. While he was still in the womb there was a living spirit inside of him. Would it be safe to say that God cherishes the life of the unborn? What about the unborn Christian; those who don’t know God; those who are still lost in a womb of sin? Doesn’t He want them to know the joy of the Spirit? **Discuss** how we as born again children of God reach out to save them from spiritual abortion. **Read: Matthew 28:19 and John 21:17** **Discuss** how a chance for a new birth is all around us. It may even be looking back at us from the mirror. Conception is here. How will you start developing?

Value

Have you held a child in your hands? What emotions did you feel? If that child was yours did you think about all the things it would do to bring you joy? Discuss how you might begin to prepare your mind and heart for the plans you have for him or her. You held in your hands a precious and rare heritage; someone of great worth and value to you. Read **Psalms 127:3** Discuss how we are the Lord’s heritage. We are of great worth and value to Him. Share how you realize your worth. He created you; He died for you. Because of that we have infinite value and worth. Even before we were born, He knew us and loved us. Would you throw a diamond into a riverbed? No. Why; because it is valuable. Would you set fire to a family heirloom? Of course not; it is part of where you came from. We are living, breathing vessels created in God’s image formed by our Father in Heaven even before the world was made. **Read: Ephesians 1:1-4.** **Discuss** how you know your value and worth in God’s eyes not the worlds.

Life or death

Have you been born again or are you living in the land of death? Jesus tells us that we must be born again to enter into God’s kingdom. (**John 3:3**) **Discuss:** God breathes new life into us by remaking our souls, our spirits, by giving us a renewed strength, a new voice, new hands for service, a new heart; a heart for what is important to Him; a heart free of sin and guilt. How can we use this new life to save those who are in the midst of spiritual abortion? We must have a high regard for the life of the lost, because God does and we are created in His image. **Read: Genesis 2.** Share how we can plant seeds of God’s kindness and love; water it with the truth of His word.

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