

LIFE LESSONS – Making It Live

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What is the bottom-line? Businesses are very aware of what their bottom line is. They go to great extremes to make sure they know how they got there and what it looks like. They count the cost, they evaluate and re-examine daily, quarterly, and yearly so they will know their business. Isn't that the way our walk with Christ is? **Discuss** how we can be aware of who we are in Jesus - what the bottom-line is. You can't know that until you examine and understand the real meaning of Christmas - until you get to know who God is. **Discuss:** God knows you, He knows every thing about you even the number of hairs on your head, or lack there of. But the bottom line is that He knew your deepest sins and that they would separate you from Him. The price was high; He loved and loves us too much to be separated from us. So He came to earth to walk as a man., so that one glorious day we could be re-united with Him. **Read: Isaiah 9:6; Luke 1:26-38 Share** how you know who Jesus is in your life.

Have you ever wondered: “Why I am here? What is my purpose?” Do you find yourself feeling lost sometimes, like a ship in uncharted territory? Where do you believe these questions originate - that longing, the yearning to fill the gaping holes in your soul? **Discuss:** God often times put those thoughts in your mind - stirring up a desire, a hunger that can only be fed through knowing Him. He knows you! He wants you to know Him. **Read: John 10:27 Discuss** how you begin to know God more? What are some ways that you can? What happens when you begin to know God more? **Read: John 17:3**

What does it mean to forgive someone? Have you ever had an argument with someone or had someone wrong you? How did you handle it when they asked for your forgiveness? **Discuss:** Forgiveness is the greatest gift. It restores ones soul, it regains ones trust, and it strives to walk a better path. Now think about the wrongs of your past - the rebellion that tormented you, the lies that you told. Do you remember those heart blackening moments? Jesus doesn't. **Discuss:** Once you come to Him with a repentant heart knowing that you are in need of a Savior, He not only wipes your tears away; He wipes the slate clean. **Read: 1 John 1: 7-9**

What is your greatest desire? As a child of God our greatest desire should be to know and to serve God; to grow in our relationship with Him. Discuss what a relationship with someone looks like. How is it different from being single? A relationship with our Heavenly Father brings peace, joy and love. It surrounds you with the comfort and wisdom of a Best Friend. It brings you rest and relief. We are all in need of a Savior. **Read: Matthew 5:6 Share** what your first and greatest desire is. Do you love God more or the things of this world?

What does it mean to die? For most of us our first response is the physical sense of death. We think of funerals and graves; family mourning and the body decaying. But what about another death; one that brings rejoicing and eternal life? **Discuss** how you would explain it. When we give our life to Jesus, we die to self. The rotting, decaying, sin that kills our spirit and robs us of our joy, dies and new life is given. You begin to find that you were born to die and can't really live until you die. Death requires surrender and once you surrender to Jesus, new life begins. **Read: Matthew 1:24 -27 Share** how you know that Jesus surrendered His life for you.

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