

TABLE TALK



WEEK SEVENTEEN

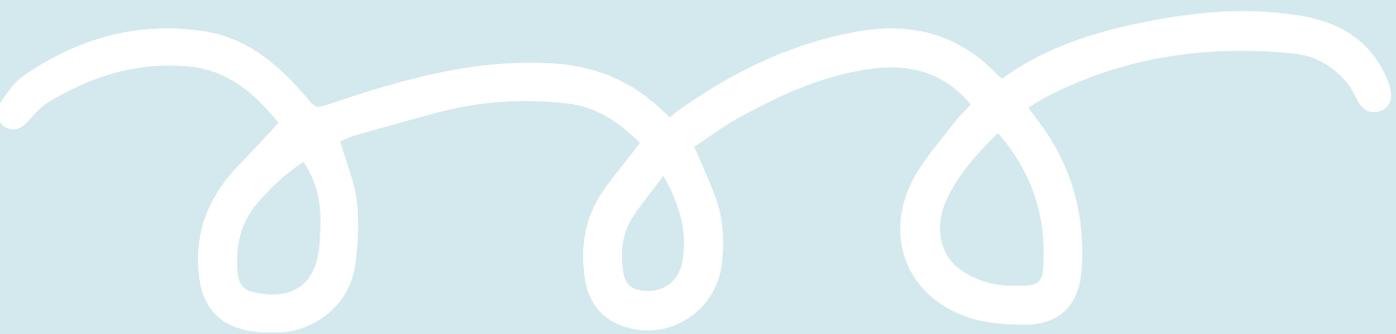
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MONDAY : ALL ABOUT GOD

On Monday's we've been learning about God – can you remember any of the things we've learnt about God?

How have you changed in the last year? Right now, it feels like everything is changing, even things we didn't know could change! Can you think of anything which looks different this year?

Sometimes we expect things to change – like growing taller – but sometimes changes can be unexpected and make us feel scared, anxious or confused. What does this verse teach us about God?

“Every good action and every perfect gift is from God. These good gifts come down from the Creator of the sun, moon, and stars. God does not change like their shifting shadows.” – James 1:17

Even though everything in creation changes – God, the creator remains the same!

So...

Will there ever be a time when God isn't loving?

Will there ever be a time when God isn't just?

Will there ever be a time when God isn't sovereign?

Will there ever be a time when God isn't truth?

No! Everything we've learnt about God's character will always be true. Even when the rest of the world keeps changing, we can trust in our God who never changes!

TUESDAY : JESUS

TAUGHT US

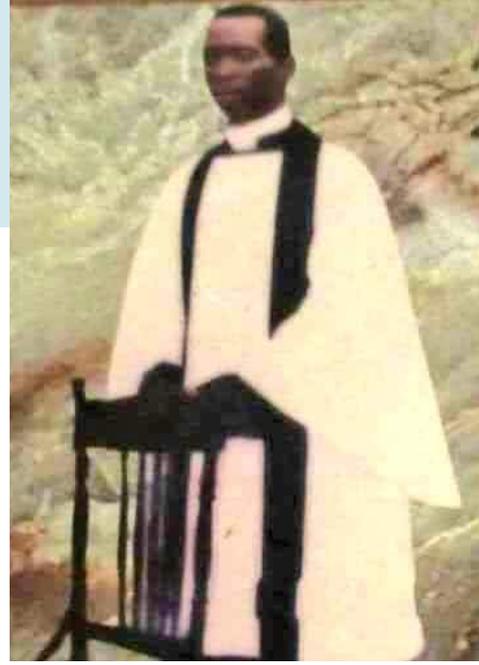
On Tuesday's we learn about different things Jesus taught us. Last week we finished looking at the 7 'I am' statements of Jesus. This week we're going to start looking at the different parables Jesus taught his followers. What is a parable? A parable is a story used to teach people something. Jesus used parables to teach us different things about the Kingdom of God.

“Then Jesus used stories to teach them many things. He said: “A farmer went out to plant his seed. While he was planting, some seed fell by the road. The birds came and ate all that seed. Some seed fell on rocky ground, where there wasn't enough dirt. That seed grew very fast, because the ground was not deep. But when the sun rose, the plants dried up because they did not have deep roots. Some other seed fell among thorny weeds. The weeds grew and choked the good plants. Some other seed fell on good ground where it grew and became grain. Some plants made 100 times more grain. Other plants made 60 times more grain, and some made 30 times more grain. Let those with ears use them and listen!” – Matthew 13:3-9

Do you know what this parable meant?

Well the different seeds represent different ways people can respond to God's word. The 1st group of people hear it, don't understand it, and then never think about it again. The 2nd group hear God's word, are really excited about it, but only for a short time, then they forget it. The 3rd group hears the word, accepts it, but the worries of life, like money, stop them from growing close to God. But the 4th group, they hear about God, they understand and then they grow close to God and tell others about him!

WEDNESDAY : PEOPLE



October is Black History Month and we're using this as an opportunity to learn about Black Christians in history in particular. Today we are going to learn about the life of Hezekiah Okoro Nweje. Hezekiah was born in Onisha Anabra state in Nigeria, in 1919.

Hezekiah grew up going to church and being taught about Jesus. The older he got, the more he wanted to be like Jesus and serve others like Jesus served us. Hezekiah dedicated his time to reading his Bible, praying, learning about God, and serving others.

Instead of other jobs, Hezekiah decided that he wanted to be a priest. Hezekiah understood part of his calling as a priest to be to care for all those around him. He shared everything he had with others, especially the poor. Even when people gave him gifts, he never kept them for himself but shared them with others.

Hezekiah was also very compassionate and forgiving. Once, in 1956 thieves broke into his house, stole some of his belongings and ate his food. Hezekiah ran after them, not to tell them off, but to encourage them to eat more food if they needed it!

Hezekiah's compassion, kindness and humility pointed lots of people to Jesus. They didn't understand why someone would act like this, but Hezekiah would explain that he was only this way because of Jesus' sacrifice – and he still had further to go!

Hezekiah died in 1956 and it became a tradition in the towns that he lived in to give the nickname 'holy Hezekiah' to other humble and kind people!

When people looked at Hezekiah, they saw Jesus working in his life. What do people see when they look at you? What can you do to point people to Jesus?



THURSDAY : THANKSGIVING

“Shout to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with joy.

Come before him with singing.
Know that the Lord is God.

He made us, and we belong to him.
We are his people, the sheep he tends.
Come into his city with songs of
thanksgiving.

Come into his courtyards with songs of
praise.

Thank him, and praise his name.
The Lord is good. His love continues
forever.

His loyalty continues from now on.” –

Psalm 100

What is this Psalm all about? What lines stick out to you? Let’s praise God and thank him for all he does. He tends to us, his people, like sheep and his love continues forever!



FRIDAY : THE WORLD

“*First, I tell you to pray for all people. Ask God for the things people need, and be thankful to him. - 1 Timothy 2:1*”

On Friday's we spend time praying for different countries. Today we are going to pray for the USA. What do you know about the USA? What things are happening in the USA right now?

We are going to pray about 2 things that are happening in the USA today:

1) The 2020 Election.

On the 3rd of November the USA will vote on who they want to be their president. They are choosing between Donald Trump, their current president, and Joe Biden, his opponent. After the last election, the US became a very divided country and that remains the case today. Let's pray that the person God wants to be elected will be, that there will be peace after the result is announced, and that God will guide Christians in how to act over the next few weeks.

2) Forest Fires. Over the summer the West Coast of the US, along with large parts of South America, suffered devastating forest fires – lots of these are still burning right now. Let's pray for our planet and the effects of the climate crisis. Let's also pray for those in power to act, for God to help those who have been affected by the fires and that God will help the land to heal.

PRAY – spend some time praying for these things and anything else God puts on your hearts.

