

TABLE TALK



WEEK THREE

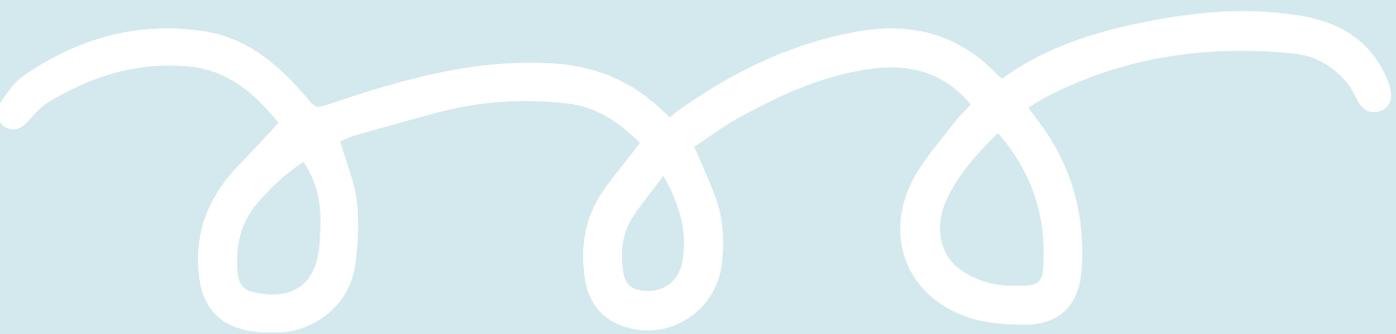
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MONDAY : ALL ABOUT GOD

*“Your righteousness reaches to the skies, O God, you who have done great things...”
-Psalm 71:19*

What word is used to describe God here?

Can you think of someone who thinks they are always right? The truth is that we are all sinners so none of us are always right. In fact, most of the time we're wrong! We say the wrong thing, we think the wrong thing and we do the wrong thing.

But the Bible tells us that God is ALWAYS right! The word the Bible uses is righteous which means God is always right and he always does the right thing. What does it mean for you to know that God is always right?

We can see God's righteousness in Jesus. Can you think of times Jesus was right and did the right thing?

Even though he lived a sinless life, Jesus chose to die on the cross and take the punishment for our sins. Now, everyone who believes in Jesus are clothed in his righteousness. We can be forgiven and made right with God.

PRAY

Praise God that he is always right and always does what is right. Thank Jesus for dying for our sins and exchanging his righteousness for our sinfulness. Thank God that because of his grace, we can be forgiven and made right with God. Ask God to help you remember this and know it in your heart.

“All people have sinned and are not good enough for God’s glory. People are made right with God by his grace, which is a free gift. They are made right with God by being made free from sin through Jesus Christ. God sent him to die in our place to take away our sins. We receive forgiveness through faith. And all of this is because of the blood of Jesus’ death. This showed that God always does what is right and fair.”

- Romans 3:21-25

TUESDAY : JESUS TAUGHT US

“If a man has 100 sheep, but 1 of the sheep gets lost, he will leave the other 99 sheep on the hill. He will go to look for the lost sheep. And if he finds it, he is happier about that 1 sheep than about the 99 that were never lost. I tell you the truth. In the same way, your Father in heaven does not want any of these little children to be lost.” – Matthew 18:12-14

QUESTIONS

- What do you think this parable is about?
- Who do you think the sheep represent?
- How are we lost?
- Who finds us?

We are like the sheep and Jesus is our Good Shepherd. Jesus loves us all, but like the sheep we all wandered away. So, Jesus came down to earth to lead us back to God. Now, every time one of his sheep comes home, becomes friends with God, all of heaven celebrates.

Isn't that amazing? There are millions of people, but God still cares about you individually and he rejoices when you come back to him!

How does that make you feel?

PRAY

Thank God that he loves and cares for us all. Thank Jesus for being our Good Shepherd who leads us back to God when we wander away.



WEDNESDAY :

PEOPLE



On Wednesday's we are learning about different Christians in history. Today we are learning about a lady called Susannah Spurgeon. Lots of people know Susannah because she was married to a famous preacher called Charles Spurgeon, but there is lots more to Susannah than just who her husband was!

Susannah was born in 1832 and grew up going to Church with her family. When she was older she became a Christian but not long after she became a Christian, Susannah's joy in Jesus was replaced by "seasons of darkness, despondency, and doubt". Susannah realised she was spiritually cold and decided to spend her time learning more about God.

Charles heard about Susannah's desire to grow closer to God and offered to help her. Susannah wrote that it was through their conversations and his tutoring that she found "the peace and pardon [her] weary soul was longing for". The two became friends and then married in 1856 and a year later God gave them twin sons named Charles Jr. and Thomas. After the birth of her sons Susannah was very poorly and spent the rest of her life basically bedridden. But God still had a big plan for Susannah's life.

In 1875 Charles finished the first copy of his book Lectures to My Students. Susannah offered to proofread it for him and when she finished, she wished she could give a copy to every young pastor in the church. But Susannah new that lots of young pastors didn't have a lot of money and wouldn't be able to buy a copy of her husband's book. So, Susannah used her own savings to set up The Book Fund which would help give out books to pastors for free! Within a year, over 3000 books had been distributed by the Fund.

Susannah was involved in other charities but after her husband's death in 1892, Susannah began to write books too! She began by helping to write the story of her husband's life and then started writing devotional books. Susannah died in 1903 and by that time over 200,000 books had been sent out by the trust.

LETS THINK...

It would have been easy for Susannah to think that she couldn't help spread the Good News about Jesus because she was ill. But instead she found a way she could work for God from her house. What can you do to help tell people about Jesus? What might be holding you back?

THURSDAY : THANKSGIVING

“That is why I always remember you in my prayers and always thank God for you. I have always done this since the time I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people. I always pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ—to the glorious Father. I pray that he will give you a spirit that will make you wise in the knowledge of God—the knowledge that he has shown you.”

– Ephesians 1:15-17

In his letters to different churches, Paul always likes to tell them that he thanks God for them and that he is praying for them.

Today we are going to thank God for our church. Spend some time naming people in our church and thanking God for them.

Thank God that we have a church family we are part of even if we can’t see each other like we used to do. Ask God to guide everyone in our church, help them grow in knowledge of him and in love for his people.



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* ”

We are blessed to live in a country where it is safe to be a Christian, but lots of our brothers and sisters live in countries where being a Christian is hard and dangerous. The charity Open Doors has a list of the 50 most dangerous countries to be a Christian and today we are looking at number 8, Yemen. What do you know about Yemen?

Yemen is a country at the southern end of the Arabian Peninsula in Western Asia. Since 2015 Yemen has been in a state of civil war putting lots of people in danger.

In a population of 30 million people only a few thousand are Christians. Yemen calls itself an Islamic country and considers everyone in Yemen to be Muslim. Muslims who decide to follow Jesus and become Christians can face serious consequences. No one is allowed to meet as a Church to worship God or even worship God privately. Every Christian in Yemen is at risk of being abducted and even killed. Because of their faith, Christians also miss out on emergency aid as the civil war continues. Despite all of this, the number of Christians in Yemen is growing even though most Christians are forced to keep their faith a secret.

Together, let's pray this prayer from a Christian in Yemen: "Lord our God, allow us to discern Your times. We are conscious of Your sovereignty, and we understand the privilege of being Your children. We understand that we are in this land to honour You, to be a witness of Your love and forgiveness. Give us courage and determination to continue standing in Your Name and on Your promises. Bless our children and help us to be an example to them. In the name of Jesus, we pray! Amen."