

TABLE TALK



WEEK FOUR

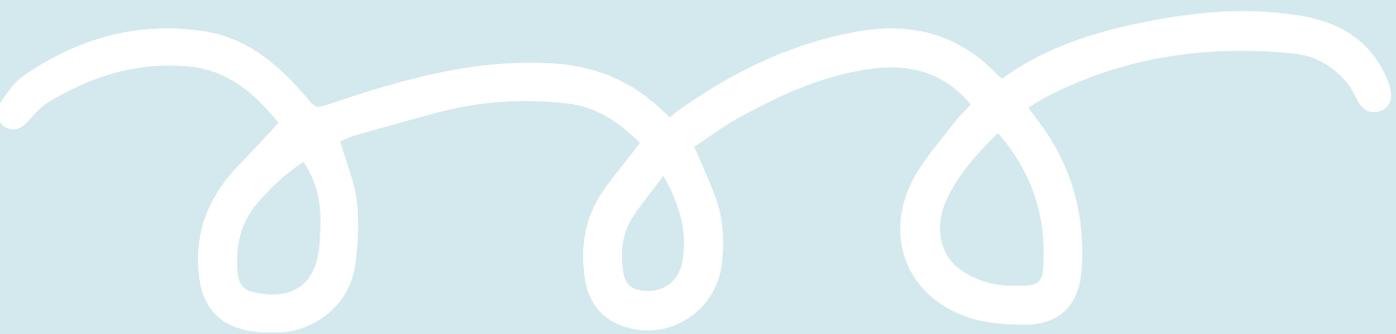
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MONDAY : ALL ABOUT GOD

Have you ever made a promise you didn't keep? Maybe you promised to keep your room tidy or promised not to lie. Maybe when you made the promise you were certain that you would keep it. But then, at some point, whether you meant to or not, you broke your promise.

“Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commands.”
Deuteronomy 7:9

- What word is used to describe God here?
- What do you think faithful means? God is faithful means that God keeps His promises and always does what He says He will do.
- Can you think of things God has promised us?

Here are some:

- God promised Abraham and Sarah a son – and then he gave them Isaac!
- God promised to free his people from slavery in Egypt – and he did!
- God also promised that those who believe in Jesus will not be punished for their sin but will be forgiven by God - because God keeps his promises, we can know that that promise is true for us today!

PRAY

Praise God that he is faithful, he keeps his promises and his love is everlasting. Thank God for all the promises he's made us. Thank God that because he keeps his promises, we know that if we believe in him, he forgives us our sins.

TUESDAY : JESUS TAUGHT US

“Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose one of you went to your friend’s house at midnight and said to him, ‘A friend of mine has come into town to visit me. But I have nothing for him to eat. Please loan me three loaves of bread.’ Your friend inside the house answers, ‘Don’t bother me! The door is already locked. My children and I are in bed. I cannot get up and give you the bread now.’ I tell you, maybe friendship is not enough to make him get up to give you the bread. But he will surely get up to give you what you need if you continue to ask.

So, I tell you, continue to ask, and God will give to you. Continue to search, and you will find. Continue to knock, and the door will open for you. Yes, if a person continues asking, he will receive. If he continues searching, he will find. And if he continues knocking, the door will open for him.” – Luke 11:5-10

QUESTIONS

What do you think Jesus is talking about here? What do you think he is trying to teach us?

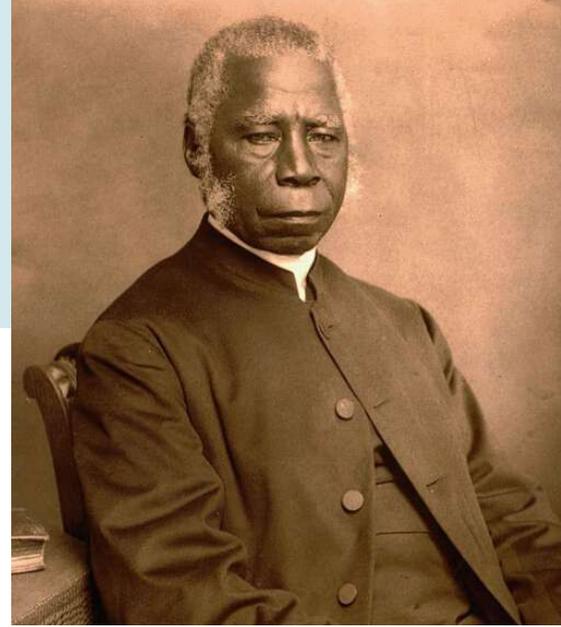
Jesus is teaching us about prayer. He’s encouraging us to keep praying to God for different things and he reminds us that God hears our prayers and will answer them. He might not answer them in the way we expect, and he might not answer them straight away – but we know that whatever God does will be the best thing for us!

PRAY

Bring to God anything that is on your mind. Ask him to help in whatever way he can. Give it over to him and trust him to be at work. Remember that he hears your prayers and love you!

WEDNESDAY :

PEOPLE



On Wednesday's we are learning about different Christians in history. Today we are learning about Samuel Ajayi Crowther. Samuel was born in Osogun, Nigeria, in 1809. His mother was a descendant of King Abiodun, King of the Oyo people.

When he was 12 years old, Samuel and his mother were captured by slave traders. Even though they released Samuel, they took him to Sierra Leone instead of letting him return to Nigeria. While in Sierra Leone, Samuel heard about Jesus from the Church Missionary Society. When he was 16 Samuel was baptised on the 11th of December 1825.

Samuel worked really hard at school and learnt lots of languages including Greek, Latin and Temne – a language spoken in Sierra Leone. After he was done studying, Samuel became a teacher at the same school. Later, he trained to be a preacher with the Church Missionary Society.

Samuel dedicated his time to helping people in different African countries, especially Nigeria, both by influencing the way foreign governments viewed them and how missionaries interacted with them. From 1857 he led the Nigeria Mission with an all-African staff.

Samuel wanted to teach people about Jesus and help them set up churches where they wouldn't need help from missionaries but would become missionaries to their local area. Samuel encouraged his students to translate the Bible into languages people understood. Samuel used his skills in languages to translate the Bible into Yoruba – a language spoken by the Yoruba people who live in Western Africa, mainly in Nigeria, Benin, Togo and parts of Ghana.

Things were not easy for Samuel. Lots of the white Europeans and missionaries in Sierra Leone and Nigeria were suspicious of him and made things really difficult for him. They questioned his methods, his morals and even his ability to do his job. Despite the success of Samuel and his team, his mission was stopped and taken over by Europeans. This caused Samuel a lot of pain, but he continued to tell people the good news of Jesus, even after he resigned from his position.

LETS THINK...

What struck you about Samuel's life? How did you see God working in his life? How did Samuel use his different skills? What can you learn from Samuel?

THURSDAY : THANKSGIVING

“You are my God, and I will thank you. You are my God, and I will praise your greatness. Thank the Lord because he is good. His love continues forever.” – Psalm 118:28-29 (if you want to, why not read the whole Psalm?)

This Psalm is one of the Psalms originally sung at Passover. Can you remember what Passover is? In the Bible, Passover was when God’s people remembered the time God freed them from Egypt. Jesus celebrated Passover with his disciples the night before his death – so this Psalm may have been one of the last songs he sang!

It reminds us that God is good and his love lasts forever! Can you think of different things God has done for you which show you his love?

Spend some time thanking God for all of these things. Most of all, thank God for sending his Son so that we can be friends with him!



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 learning and praying for other countries in the world. Today, we are going to be reading a story about a Christian in Indonesia called Naomi*.

Naomi grew up with a Muslim background before becoming a Christian. In Indonesia converting to Christianity can mean that people are forced out of their communities and families. Naomi and her husband lead a church and normally live of donations from the church. However, because of Covid-19 the church hasn't be able to meet leaving Naomi, her husband, and lots of others, struggling to make ends meet.

But, in 2018 Naomi learnt how to sew and make jewellery. When Covid-19 broke out, Naomi realised she could use her skills to produce homemade masks.

“I originally made the masks for my family, but also neighbours and church members, free of charge.” But one day, a shop owner requested her to produce it in large quantities. She now supplies them to the shop regularly. “The income from the masks selling helps us a lot, amidst the current economic situation. I am very grateful that I had the opportunity to learn the skills in Women Training Centre because it became a blessing to our community now.”

This the message Naomi has to share: “Please don't lose hope despite the current situation. Although you must stay at home, when you are given a talent and skill, do make something out of it to be a blessing to your surroundings. This mask is my contribution to my family and community.”

Spend some time now thanking God for Naomi, her church and wider community. Ask God to help them stay safe and use their gifts to show others his love. Ask God to help you do the same thing in whatever way you can!

*Naomi's name has been changed to protect her identity.