



Maranatha Weekly Study Guide - 3/3/2021

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Here are some things the adults are learning about this week that we can learn too!

- Sometimes God asks us to do hard or scary things, but we can be confident that He has a plan and is in control and is working (Sovereign). When we choose to obey him, He is able to work through us to reach others and add to His family.
- When bad or scary things happen in our world, God is still in control and has a good plan. He uses those scary things to invite us to come closer to Him and to invite others to do the same.
- We are given a responsibility to take care of the earth and the world the Lord has given us. All of creation is His and we have been commanded to manage it and look after it. It's important to not let ourselves get so distracted by this command that we forget that Jesus is the focus of our lives.

READ AND DISCUSS: Read Acts 9:1-19 or "A Changed Man" in The Beginner's Bible starting on page 488.

Just like Saul, when we encounter Jesus and choose to follow Him, we are changed. We are no longer a lost sinner, but are invited to become a part of his family. Our lives become opportunities to love and serve Him, tell others about all that He has done for us, and invite them to be a part of His family, too! How cool is that?!?

- How did meeting Jesus on the road change Saul?
- How did Ananias' coming to help change Saul's life?
- God gave Saul a new name... God changed his name to Paul. Why do you think He did that?
- How does knowing Jesus change us?
- Why is it important to tell others how Jesus has changed us?
- Can you think of anyone who needs to hear that Jesus loves them this week?

MEMORIZE: John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Write out your memory verse and then cut each word out. Mix them all up and see if you can sort them into the right order from memory!

HAVE FUN:

1. Find something that is round that you can color on like the back of a paper plate or a circle cut out of paper.
2. Color the world map on your circle.
3. See if you can write John 3:16 from memory on the world
4. Extra Challenge: Take a minute to practice explaining that God loves everyone and sent Jesus to take our punishment so that we could be a part of his family.

Text – Revelation 9:20-21

Effective Prayer and God's Justice

- Prayer that _____.

- God responds with _____.

Ecology, Economy, and the Undermining of Worldly Security

- _____ imagery.

- Ecological devastation equals _____.

- God seeks people's _____ through judgment.

God's Judgment of His Enemies

- God is _____ of these judgments.

- God's judgments shake us from _____.

- Christians need not fear any _____.

Idolatry, Deception, and the Refusal to Repent

- God uses evil empires to judge _____.

- Deception is a dramatically _____ force.

- A telling summary.

Life Enrichment

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- In Revelation 8:1-5, we see the reintroduction of the prayer uttered in 6:10. Have you ever felt like God was slow in answering Your prayers? Why does He sometimes seem silent? How do you weather instances of God's seeming silence?
- What constitutes selfless prayer? Why do think selfless prayer is more readily answered?
- How can we be certain to align our prayers with God's desires?
- Why do you think that God answers the prayer of Revelation 6:10 with just action? How does this encourage us to remain faithful in the face of resistance and persecution?
- What do you think God is trying to accomplish through the judgments of Revelation 8:6-12?
- How do you feel when you go through times of economic uncertainty? How does it benefit you? What fears does it inspire?
- What role does ecological disaster play in God's justice? What responsibility has God given to us regarding creation (see Genesis 1:28)?
- How can we resist the temptation to worship the earth while still caring for it as God's stewards?
- Throughout these chapters we see God using demonic being as agents of His judgment. How is it possible for God to use evil to judge evil? Is it just/fair? How have we seen this worked out in history?

- How seriously do you think we take the threat of false teaching? Do we recognize the powerful demonic forces behind it?
- What forms of idolatry exist in our society? How extensive is idolatry in our experience?
- How does Satan use idolatry to lead people further into darkness?
- Why do you think people refuse to repent (Rev 9:20-21)?
- How do these chapters strengthen our resolve to remain faithful or challenge our compromise with the world?