

## July 13-20 Bible Study and Small Group Sessions

The Lord has prepared our way! Let us recognize that He has opened up the door and provided the platform for the truth to be spoken into the lives of those He has uniquely called and positioned to be part of this trip. We will pray fervently for the Lord to move in the hearts of each person in our group, and will “walk our faith out” on the island by selflessly serving those around us. Each day will consist of Bible study in the morning and small group sessions in the evening. Our intentionality in these times will be to focus on the three key relationships everyone wrestles with and the questions that surround those relationships.

1. Our relationship with God

Our question: Who is God and what does He want from me?

2. Our relationship with the world

Our question: How do I get the very best from God?

3. Our relationship with ourselves

Our question: How do I come to grips with who I really am?

**Sunday Night** – Gospel Presentation

**Monday Morning** – What is it that God wants from me? – Matthew 5:3

**Monday Evening** – Small Group discussion

Discussion point: In Matthew 5:3, Jesus tells us that those who are poor in spirit are the ones who are blessed and will see the Kingdom of Heaven. God also tells us in Psalm 51:17 that “the sacrifice pleasing to God is a broken spirit.”

Q: What is it that God want’s most from each of us?

Q: Are you holding onto something that you’re afraid to give up? If so what?

**Tuesday Morning** – Going All In – Matthew 13:44-46 (Bob)

**Tuesday Evening** – SCORE Night – How do I get what God wants most for me? – Romans 12:1-2

Small Group discussion (Huddle Leaders)

Discussion point: We all struggle with the world’s value system that seeks to “mold our lives”. Today’s media system is what the enemy uses to keep us conformed to the world’s value system.

Q: Why is it so many Christians do NOT experience God’s best for their lives according to Romans 12:2?

Q: Where are YOU most vulnerable? – Lust of the flesh, Lust of the eyes, Pride of your lifestyle? (Pleasure, Possessions, Position)

Q: Is there something you feel God is telling you to say “no” to because it is conforming you to the world’s value system? Is there something that God wants you to say “yes” to so your mind can be renewed and experience God’s best for your life?

**Wednesday Morning** – No morning study – personal quiet time ENCOURAGED.

**Wednesday Evening** – Small Group discussion (Huddle Leaders)

**Thursday Morning** – Coming to grips with who I really am – Romans 12:3

**Thursday Evening** – Small Group discussion

Discussion point: This morning, we spoke about the hypocrisy of “image management”. Projecting a “different you” to different people at different times with hope that they will accept you, reward you or embrace you.

Q: We ALL pretend to some degree. How do YOU do it?

Discussion point: Sin entered the human race in the Garden of Eden. This was “The Fall” of the entire human race and resulted in a broken relationship with God, a broken relationship with other people and a broken relationship with ourselves. EVERY human being who has ever or will ever walk the face of this earth deals with feeling INSECURE. This insecurity causes us to posture, pretend and perform in order to impress people.

Q: How does this reality...this “truth” make you feel?

Discussion point: Here’s good news. You can experience true FREEDOM, POWER and JOY as you accept and embrace the truth that through the death of Jesus Christ on the cross on your behalf, and His resurrection from the dead, ALL your sins have been forgiven. By placing your faith (trust) in Christ, God has placed you in His family and he sees you and treats you as RIGHTEOUS! You have been given a NEW IDENTITY. You are a COMPLETELY new creation when you place your faith in Christ (Read 2 Cor 5:17). You no longer have to impress people, and you don’t need to impress God because YOU ARE ALREADY FULLY PLEASING TO GOD. You don’t need to perform for Him!

In Romans 12:3, The Apostle Paul tells Christians that we are to think sensibly about ourselves. He is telling us that we must have an accurate view of ourselves, and that view must come through the lens of scripture. As a follower of Jesus Christ, understanding your identity In Christ is CRITICAL!

Hand out scripture cards: The Biblical truths on these cards will assist you in seeing “who you are” in the eyes of God. “Renew your mind” by reading through each of these daily for the next several weeks, and begin to see God’s view of you – who you REALLY are!

**Friday Morning** – So we are heading back home.... NOW what? – Matthew 17:1-5

Letters to yourself

**Friday Evening** - Small Group discussion (Huddle Leaders)

Q: How has this week impacted you? What will be different when you return home?

Write letters to yourself as to how this week has impacted you and return them sealed to Bryan