

LESSON: LIVING FOR GOD

MEMORY WORK (10 minutes)

"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:8 NIV
Write the verse on the board and recite it as a class. Erase one or more words, and then have the class recite the verse again. Continue in this manner until the class can recite the verse from memory.

SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION (15 minutes)

Introduction:

No matter how long we live here on earth, the time is actually quite short when compared to eternity. 1 Peter 4:7 informs us that the end of all things is near, as Jesus Christ could return at any moment. With that in mind, how should we live? Today's lesson, will give us instructions on how to use the time we have wisely.

Read 1 Peter 4:7-11 (Living for God)

Discussion Questions:

1. What does the scripture mean by "The end of all things is near"?
(We should live Godly lives anticipating the return of Christ.)
2. How does verse 7 instruct us to live? *(Clear minded and self-controlled.)*
3. If we live in this manner, what will it help us accomplish? *(The ability to pray.)*
4. According to verse 8, what should we do, above all else? *(Love others deeply.)*
5. What benefit is there to loving others? *(Scripture tells us that love covers over a multitude of sins.)*
6. How should we use the talents and gifts God has given us?
(We should use our talents and gifts to serve others.)
7. Should we be hospitable towards one another? *(Yes, we should not grumble as we serve others.)*
8. Do we all have the same gifts and talents?
(No, the Lord made each of us unique; He gave us different gifts and talents.)
9. Whom should we seek to glorify with the gifts we have been given? *(God.)*

CLASS EXERCISE

Differnt Rooms - (Activity) –Attached

WHAT YOU WILL do; Have you ever thought about all the different types of rooms there are in your house? *(Allow children to describe the rooms they have drawn.)* There are bedrooms, bathroom(s), a kitchen, a family room/living room, etc. Some homes have a laundry room, a garage, a basement, and a few even have a workshop. It is kind of amazing when you think about it, all those different rooms each serving a different role; yet, they are all part of the same house.

Before the house was built, each room was designed for a specific purpose. It would be hard to sleep without a bedroom. Where would you wash up if you did not have a bathroom? Without a kitchen, you would have to leave the house to get a hot meal. Family room/living rooms are the prefect place to spend time with those you love. Each room in the house has an important function, and it is much the same with people.

Just as a house is made up of many different rooms, God's Kingdom is made up of many different people, each of whom contribute to the growth of God's Kingdom and the Christian Church in one or more ways. in one or more ways.

Read 1 Corinthians 3:8-9

APPLICATION (4 minutes)

We do not know when Jesus will return and should therefore live lives of obedience, eagerly anticipating His return. We need to be clear minded and self-controlled so that the temptations of this world do not draw us away; weakening our desire to serve the Lord with the gifts and talents He has graciously given us. A Christian life is one of hospitality; putting the needs of others before our own and forgiving those who sin against us.

