

4Ws Be The Church: The Glory Thief & The Worm Acts 12:19-25

WORSHIP

Consider reading **Psalm 119:17-32** together, taking turns reading a verse a time, or reading responsively with the leader reading a verse and the group responding with the next verse.

Consider singing some of the songs on the sheets that were included in your packet if you have someone in the group that plays the guitar or can lead music and/or play the guitar.

WELCOME

Questions.

Have you ever been recognized for a large accomplishment? Why did you receive the recognition and how was it awarded to you? Tell us the story!

WORD

Discussion Questions.

1. DO NOT be driven by a life desiring praise.

(Read Acts 12:2-3)

Discuss the kind of desire and motivation that filled the heart of Herod. We understand that none of us have the same motivation in life, but in what way do you think our lives are being driven by praises of men?

2. DO NOT hold on to the praises that belongs to God instead give him back the glory.

(Read Acts 4:11-15 and Acts 10:24-26)

Discuss the contrast of the apostles actions as they were given praises by men? In what way do you think we steal the glory of God for ourselves?

3. "What is your Passion in Life? What motivates you? How does this relate to your end purpose as man?"

(Read Isaiah 43:7)

Discuss what the chief end purpose of man is? Share with the group how your passion, desires and motivation in life aligns to our chief end. Share your own experiences and look for areas that you can pray for one another.

4. (Read Romans 1:18-25) Apostle Paul discussed the ways of the wicked and God's judgement here in these verses. Compare this to what happened to Herod and how do we see these relating to our present way of life. Discuss and look for areas that you can pray for one another.

WORK

God is at work on planet earth and He often chooses to use one of us to get things done. God is passionate that our family, our friends, our relatives and our acquaintances have an opportunity to hear the good news about Jesus. God uses us to pass the truth along to other people, both people that we know and don't yet know. All of that means that God could use us to completely transform the life of another human being. When that happens we need to be careful to give glory to God for the things that He does through us. Of course, we also need to remember that God won't accomplish that through us unless we find the courage to share the good news with others.

Those of us who lead should remember that there is no better way to motivate others to share the gospel than to set an example for them. Speak to others about Jesus when you have the opportunity and set an example of lifestyle evangelism for the members of your group. They will be much more likely to follow your example than they will be to simply do what you tell them to do. Ask the group to discuss this and then ask them to think through the list of people you have been praying for each week. Discuss how we can be more aggressively involved in sharing the good news with these folks for whom God has burdened us. We will pray for these people tonight and each night we're together until they come to Life Group, or come to Christ through some other means. Have each couple/individual share the name of one couple/person to pray for and then ask one of the other people in the group to pray for them.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Singapore Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Core, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Singapore Facilities

- CCF Singapore Center
- Equipments

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends

Close your time together in prayer.