

THE DISCIPLES CROSS SESSION 2A *LIVE IN THE WORD*

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

John 8:31,32

“To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, ‘If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’”

1. Ask several persons to share one good experience related to completing their assignments this week. Limit this sharing to five minutes.
2. Take five minutes for members to identify any problems they may be having with any of the assignments. Ask group members to suggest ways to solve these problems.
3. Ask members for reports on how they are doing with keeping a Prayer-Covenant List. Ask each person to volunteer one request that he or she put on the list during the week. Invite members to pray a sentence prayer for the request the person on his or her right mentioned.
4. Instruct group members to pair up and quote John 8:31-32 to each other. Encourage the pairs to share their strong and weak points in completing the assignments.
5. Ask which of the four reasons given for having a quiet time is the most important to you? Why? (The first listing of these four reasons is on p. 35 of the member book.) Ask if there is any other reason a quiet time is important.
6. Call for volunteers to tell how important a special time with God seemed to each of the biblical characters: David (Psalm 18), Daniel (Daniel 6:10,11), John the Baptist, Jesus (Matthew 26:36-44).
7. Ask, How do you know a special time with God was important to the person just mentioned? Say, The reasons you gave are observable ways we can evaluate how important a personal time with God is to us.
8. Ask members to write in the margins of their member books these items: eating, fellowship with family, personal cleanliness, work, personal time with God. Ask them to rank them 1 (highest priority) through 5 (lowest priority). Then ask, “What did you learn about yourself?”
9. Time permitting review first three reasons for a quiet time on page 35 of workbook.

PREVIEW FOR NEXT SESSION:

Remind members they are to work on days 4-5 of session 2.

Scripture memorization: John 8:31-32