

“God is Closer than You Think” L. 3 Partnering with God TODAY (Oct. 9, 11, 12, 13 & 17th)

1. Opening Prayer & Sharing (What’s your favorite season and why?)
2. Share how highly you tend to value **the present moment**. Do you value it more or less than the past or future? If someone said to you, “**This (right now) is the greatest moment of your life**”, how would you respond? Why?
3. **Watch video** – Any comment on Pharaoh’s response (tomorrow for frog plague), the message of “as you wish” and spending ordinary days with God.
4. In what ways do we behave like Pharaoh and put up with a less-than-satisfying spiritual life? Why do we procrastinate spiritually? What is the fallacy of thinking that someday life will be different?
5. Think of “Thy will be done” in the Lord’s Prayer – What does it mean to you? What does this phrase have to do with you and your life? What difference can the words, “As You Wish” make in our everyday, ordinary life?
6. How can we fix our feeling of “disconnected” between the ordinary moments of our daily life and God’s presence? When have you put off ‘getting serious about your life with God’? and Why? What is your understanding on “partnering with God THIS MOMENT?”

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¹³ Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” ¹⁴ Why, **you do not even know what will happen tomorrow**. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, “**If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.**” (James 4:13-15)

7. Read the scripture above. Have you ever hesitated to commit to align your will to God’s and chose to procrastinate? In God’s eyes, does **today** make a difference? What would be your response?

¹⁸ When Jesus saw the crowd around him, he gave orders to cross to the other side of the lake. ¹⁹ Then a teacher of the law came to him and said, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.” ²⁰ Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have

necks, but **the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.**" ²¹ Another disciple said to him, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ²² But Jesus told him, "**Follow me (today)**, and let the dead bury their own dead." ²³ Then Jesus got into the boat and His disciples followed him. **(Matthew 8:18-23)**

8. Read the scriptures above. What can be lost if people do not respond to Jesus TODAY? What kinds of opportunities do we miss out on today because of spiritual procrastination?

³¹ Meanwhile His disciples urged Jesus, "Rabbi, eat something." ³² But He said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." ³³ Then His disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?" ³⁴ "**My food,**" said Jesus, "**is to do the will of God who sent me and to finish His work. (John 4:31-34)** ***** ⁹ Jesus said, "Here I am, **I have come to do God's will.**" ¹⁰ And by that will, **we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (Hebrews 10:9-10)**

9. Read the scripture above. Discuss ways in which the example of Jesus teaches, inspired or encourages you to **partner with God in your daily life.** (How can I do these tasks with God? – waking up, washing up, working, eating, taking a break, waiting in line, texting, talking on the phone, emailing, driving, solving conflicts or problems, dealing with cranky spouse (children, grandchildren, friends, co-workers), dealing with rude and ungrateful people, working out at gym(walking), cleaning up, reading, watching TV etc.)
10. God always send us another wave, another opportunity to confess our sin and reconnect with God. What kinds of things keep you from reconnecting with God quickly after you sin? **In which areas of your life do you need to admit your failure, confess your sin and through the forgiveness and power of God get right back up and keep going?**
11. Read together – "**I am going to live with God everyday this week. I want to experience God's presence here and now, not tomorrow.**"
"**God, help me to value this moment. Lord, Thy will be done, not my will. I will do anything as you wish.**
12. Joys & concerns & Closing prayer