

Digging Deeper

Level 2 Class

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Situation Report

Biblical Narrative Survey

- The Creation
 - Genesis 1-2
 - God creates everything.
- The Fall
 - Genesis 3
 - Humanity joins in rebellion against God.
- The Flood
 - Genesis 6 – Genesis 9
 - God destroys life on earth, but preserves a remnant.
- Abraham to Jesus
 - Acts 7
 - Stephen preaches the truth to a Sanhedrin and is martyred.

The Gospel

- John 3:16
 - “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”
- 1 Corinthians 15: 3-6
 - “For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.”
- Romans Road
 - Romans 3:23 – Romans 6:23 – Romans 5:8 – Romans 10:9 – Romans 5:1
 - All of us have sinned and fallen short of God’s glory. What we get from sin is death, but the gift that God gives is eternal life in Christ. God demonstrates his own love for us in dying for us while we were still sinners. If we declare with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Paraphrased from the NIV)
- Yom Kippur
 - Leviticus 23
 - Pay attention to the propitiation and expiation of Israel’s sin.

The Church

- Ekklesia
 - Greek word defined as a called-out assembly or congregation. It can be used as a legal term for a group of people discussing a specific situation or incident / matter.
 - It is often translated as “church” in the New Testament.
 - We need to remember that the body of Christ is not a building, but a group of people. Jew, Gentile, Catholic, or Protestant...it doesn't matter. We all have unity through our saving faith in Jesus.
- The Great Commission
 - Mathew 28:19-20
 - “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
 - The direct command is to make disciples. As we make disciples, we should be baptizing and teaching them to be obedient. We have confidence in going on this mission because Jesus said he will be with us to the very end.
- Pentecost
 - Acts 2
 - Greek name for the “Feast of Weeks” seen in Leviticus 23 and Deuteronomy 16.
 - This specific Pentecost was when the Church “started” and received the Holy Spirit.
 - Travelers were in town from all over to hear Peter's sermon in their own language.

Notes:

Spiritual Armory

The Full Armor of God

- Ephesians 6:10-18
 - “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”

- Helmet of Salvation
 - You can rest in God’s saving grace.
- Breastplate of Righteousness
 - Christ’s righteousness covers you. It not about what you do, but about what He did!
- Belt of Truth
 - Protection from the father of lies.
- Boots of The Gospel of Peace
 - Your walk needs to match your talk.
- Shield of Faith
 - Extinguish the flaming arrows by trusting God no matter what the enemy throws at you.
- Sword of The Spirit
 - The SPOKEN word of God.
- Praying in The Spirit
 - Align with God’s will and let the Holy Spirit lead you in prayer.

SAMPLE PRAYER: *Lord, I ask that You would give us Your armor today. Equip us with the helmet of salvation, to remind us that we are covered in Christ’s blood and that He died for us; that our names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life. No matter what the enemy says to our mind, we know that we are covered and we are saved. Equip us with the breastplate of righteousness, that we would know that we’re not perfect, but that we have Christ’s righteousness in our account and that he lived a perfect and sinless life for us and died in our place. When You look at us, we don’t have to feel shame or guilt or condemnation because You see Your Son in our place and His blood has washed us white. Equip us with the belt of truth. May the truth of Your Word surround us. Let it hold up our pants and hold everything together. Please protect us from the lies of the enemy with Your truth. Equip us with the boots of the gospel of peace. Let our walk match our talk. Lead us to act like Christians and practice what we preach. Equip us with the shield of faith to extinguish all the fiery darts of the enemy. No matter how they attack us or from what angle, we can take that shield of faith and move it to wherever they’re attacking and extinguish those arrows. Equip us with the sword of the spirit which is Your spoken word. May The Holy Spirit bring scriptures to our minds that we can speak out loud against the enemy to fight back against them with a sword. I ask that You would lead us to pray by Your Spirit throughout the day. Please bring things to our minds that we should be praying for.*

Spiritual Anthropology 2

Closing Open Doors

- Break Generational Curses
 - If you have a family history of addiction, abuse, disease, or mental health issues, draw a line in the sand and say it stops with you. Repent on behalf of your ancestors for any sins or involvements with wickedness.
- Break Word Curses
 - Speak life that counters the word curse. Stop word cursing yourself.
- Break Ungodly Soul Ties
 - In the case of fornication, you must sever the connection you have to the other person by whatever means necessary. Get rid of items, pictures, and text messages. Avoid them on social media. Stop thinking about them. Forgive them. In the case of a family situation, you need to forgive them and set up appropriate boundaries that fit your situation.
- Forgiveness and Inner Healing
 - Mathew 6:14-15
 - Mathew 18:23-35
 - Luke 6:27-28
 - Forgiveness is not based on emotions, but it's a decision based on free will. Speak that forgiveness out loud via proclamation and it's done that day. Remember that your emotions may linger and keep reminding yourself you forgave who wronged you.
 - It is unacceptable for a Christian to hold a grudge or harbor unforgiveness.
- Release Judgments
 - Luke 6:37
 - Romans 2:1
 - Gossiping and judging others gives demons a legal right to torment you.
- Cancel Assignments
 - The outcome of the war has been decided, but there are still battles going on.
 - Fight from victory, not for victory.
 - When dealing with demons it's important to enforce Christ's victory and authority.

Notes:

Keeping Closed Doors Shut

- Be Filled with The Holy Spirit
 - Replace lusts of the flesh with the fruit of the Spirit!
 - Ask to be filled daily with God's Spirit.
 - Align yourself with Christ's will.
 - Pray / walk in the Spirit throughout the day.
- Read The Bible
 - Renew your mind.
 - Psalm 119:105
 - "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."
 - Matthew 4:4
 - "Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'""
- Avoid Triggers
 - Don't do the thing that leads to the thing.
- Walk in Obedience
 - When you do sin, confess it to God and move on (think falling forward).
 - 1 Peter 1:14
 - "As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance."
 - John 14:15
 - ""If you love me, keep my commands."
- Wear the Armor Daily
 - Remember Ephesians 6.

Remember Luke 4:13 & Mathew 12:43-45. You can't just relax and forget about being in a war. Don't give up!

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