

BURUBURU COMMUNITY CENTRE CHURCH OF GOD NAIROBI

SMALL GROUP BIBLE DISCUSSION. THEME: KNOWING GOD AND MAKING HIM KNOWN; JOHN 17:3

INTRODUCTION.

A young boy asked his parents to play with him in the front yard. He equipped each of them with playing tools, which they promptly put to use at his request. As the two parents became involved in conversation, they began to notice that people passing by seemed very interested in what they were doing. It was then they realized that they had become so busy in talking, they had not noticed that the little boy had gone into the back yard to play.

It's easy, as time goes by, to lose our focus on what we're doing and why we're doing it. But if we forget what our purpose is, we can look awfully silly. It's not uncommon for churches to forget what their mission is and to get involved in all sorts of activities and programs that do not serve that mission. Thus we must be clear about our mission as a church and how we are to fulfil it.

The risen Lord Jesus spells this out clearly in scripture. These words may have been spoken before Jesus ascended to heaven (Matthew 28:19-20). This command transformed His disciples from being confused, discouraged, and fearful into bold, courageous witnesses who were willing to die for their faith and mission. Our Lord's teaching here is not just for the apostles or for those in full-time ministry. Every member of Christ's church is to be involved in knowing God and making Him known. We all must make Christ's purpose our purpose. Jesus spells out what our mission is and how we are to fulfil it. We must proclaim repentance for forgiveness of sins in Christ's name to all the nations, in the power of the Spirit.

QUESTIONS

1. "If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen Him" John 14:7. According to verse 15 what are we supposed to do if we love Jesus?
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2. Read John 15:9-17 carefully; where shall we remain if we keep Christ's commands? How does Jesus call us if we keep His command? Discuss what it means by 'a friend of Jesus'. And what is this command? (Verse 10, &14)

- i)
 - ii)
3. There are so many blessings to those who desire to know God. 1 Corinthians 2:9 says, “No eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived” the things that God has prepared for those who love Him. According to Psalm 91:14-16, what are some of the things God will do for us, if we love and know Him?
- i)
 - ii)
 - iii)
 - iv)
 - v)
4. In spelling out the mission of repentance and the forgiveness of sin, Jesus first mentions the source of it. According to Luke 24:44-45, what is this source? He then gives the subject of the mission, what is this subject? Luke 24:46-47a; finally He gives the scope of the mission, how far was this scope? Luke 24:47b.
- i)
 - ii)
 - iii)
5. Identify 4 conditions necessary to call on Christ and be saved, according to Romans 10:13-15.
- i)
 - ii)
 - iii)
 - iv)
6. How has this lesson helped you? Is Buruburu Church of God fulfilling this great mission? Discuss.

God bless you.. Amen..

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