



SHARING LIFE

- How have you experienced God this week?
 - Do you need any help from God in your life?
- ▶ Pray together: Thank God for experiences, ask for God's help.



REVIEW

- How are the people that you are caring for doing? What would help them most?
 - Did you get a chance to share a God experience with someone? Did you pray for someone?
- ▶ Pray together, that you may get to know new aspects of God and that your friendship with God would be strengthened and become deeper.



BIBLE STUDY - MATTHEW 7:24-29, JAMES 1:22

In Matthew 7:24 Jesus describes one of the most important principles regarding the way we should read the Bible, using a parable. James summarizes the same topic in just one sentence.

- Read the text quietly
- Read the text out loud
- Retell the text (from memory – closed Bibles)
- Contributions from the group to complement



Sharing personal issues should not take up more than 1/3 of the evening.

Split groups of more than seven.

General questions:

- Is there anything that struck you in this text?
 - » What do you like about it?
 - » Is there anything in it that bothers you?
- What does it say about God?
- What does it say about humans?
- For the following more specific questions let's connect it with the topic of last time and so become «doers of the word» with regard to forgiveness.

- Are you a doer of the word when it comes to asking God for the forgiveness of sins you have committed (Matthew 6:9-15)?
 - » Did you ask God to forgive your sins in bulk, or did you really confess the individual sins before him (1 John 1:9)?
- Are you a doer of the word when it comes to forgiving people who have sinned against you (Matthew 6:9-15)?
 - » Did you just forgive others in bulk or did you really bring each person individually before God?



CHALLENGES

- When you forgive or ask God for forgiveness, please say it in turn and out loud so that the others can hear and be a witness to that forgiveness.
- **IMPORTANT:** Anything said during such processes of forgiveness is highly confidential and may not be passed on under any circumstances!!!
- Take your time. The process of forgiveness is much too important for it to be rushed. You will probably need more meetings since this is about sorting out the guilt of your whole past.
- When the whole process is finished, start with Session 10.
- Where do you have an opportunity in the next week to share your experiences with God with someone and invite them to start a friendship with God?



YOUR NOTES

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