

LIFE APP

EXILED IN HIS PRESENCE

April 18-19, 2020

Luke 22:10-12 NIV: He replied, “As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, and say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there.”

LIFE GROUP / PERSONAL STUDY:

Our new series is called, “Exiled” which is very appropriate, because in these times of Quarantine and Social Distancing, we may all feel like we’ve been exiled - taken out of our normal routines - separated from the people we love and from the activities that we enjoy. CoVid-19 has made life extremely difficult and frustrating, but we can learn about a wonderful, fresh way of looking at this time, by looking at the “Upper Room” that Jesus prepared for His Disciples on the last night of His earthly life. Scripture reveals that times of solitude and separation can be extremely beneficial for us if we will establish a place to be “In His Presence!”

1A) From our focus passage in Luke 22, how do we know that Jesus had a special plan to be alone with His Disciples before He went to the cross?

1B) PERSONAL: Why do you think it was important for Jesus and for His Disciples to have this time alone together?

1C) PERSONAL: How often do you spend time alone with Jesus and how do you feel afterwards?

Read Luke 22:7-34:

2A) What caused the Upper Room to be a place of “heart searching?”

2B) How does Matthew 26:20-25 confirm this?

3) PERSONAL: Have you established a certain place to be “In God’s Presence?”

Have you ever considered this place to be like the “Upper Room” that Jesus prepared for His Disciples? Describe how your Quiet Time place has been a place of “heart searching” for you.

4A) From Luke 22, How was Jesus “feeding the souls” of the Disciples?

4B) PERSONAL: Explain how God’s Word has been food for your soul.

5A) PERSONAL: The Upper Room was also a place of foot washing - cleansing - and worshipping of Jesus. Describe how your Quiet Time has led you to worship Jesus and how you have experienced cleansing from being In His Presence.

5B) What does 1 John 1:9 NLT tell us to do so that we can be cleansed?

Read John 20:19-21:

6A) From this passage, how can we know that the Upper Room was a place of comfort for the Disciples?

6B) PERSONAL: How do the following verses give you comfort in these difficult times?

Psalm 10:17 NLT:

Psalm 94:19 NLT:

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 NLT:

Read Acts 1:4-14:

7A) What did Jesus tell His Disciples to do, where did they go, and what did they need in order to fulfill the Great Commission Jesus gave them?

7B) PERSONAL: Explain how you think spending time in the Presence of The Lord and receiving His Power can help you also fulfill His Great Commission.

ACT: God’s Word is truly Amazing because we can clearly see that oftentimes God used places and times of separation and solitude to work in His people to teach them, so that He could work through them! Father we ask that just as His Disciples went out from their Upper Room to change the world for Christ, that we also will go out from this time of isolation to boldly proclaim the Good News of our Savior Jesus Christ because we have established a place of consecration, a place of comfort, and a place of commitment where we can experience the Presence and Power of God so that You can truly work through us to accomplish Your Purpose!

Daily Devotional: It always helps to look at the context of the passage. Then try to answer the following questions about the passage. Who is involved? What is going on? Where is the action taking place? When? How can this concept apply to my life? Why is it important? Also look for Commands, Warnings, and Examples to follow or not to follow.

- Every day this week let's look at passages that describe the Power of God's Presence.

Monday:

Exodus 33:16 NLT

How will anyone know that you look favorably on me—on me and on your people—if you don't go with us? For your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all other people on the earth.

Tuesday:

Psalm 16:11 NLT

You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.

Wednesday:

Psalm 26:6-8 NLT

I wash my hands to declare my innocence. I come to your altar, O Lord, singing a song of thanksgiving and telling of all your wonders. I love your sanctuary, Lord, the place where your glorious presence dwells.

Thursday:

Psalm 37:5-7 NLT

Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you. He will make your innocence radiate like the dawn, and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun. Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes.

Friday:

Psalm 139:7-12 NLT

I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there. If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me. I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night— but even in darkness I cannot hide from you. To you the night shines as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to you.

Saturday:

Ephesians 3:12 NLT

Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence.

Sunday:

Hebrews 10:22 NLT

And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.



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