

Zoom Community Group Lesson - July 10, 2022

Main Point

God helps us to think about things that are **right** and **pure**, and how we can practice doing these things.

Scripture

- Philippians 4:8
 - “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”
- Verses shared below:
 - James 4:17
 - Colossians 3:17
 - 1 John 3:17
 - Galatians 6:9
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:15



Prayer Time

- Spend a couple of minutes in praise and prayer to God.

Praise and Worship

- Truth Songs - Think About Such Things
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKC5sXu84Mg>
- Christian Song - Refiner's Fire
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=6&v=0lvXA0yRDwY&feature=emb_logo

Memory Verse

- Philippians 4:8
 - “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”
- JumpStart3 – video song of the Bible verse to help you learn it:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=10&v=nwn4EMhtSTO&feature=emb_logo

Review of Last Week

- Last week, we learned about things that are true, and things that are noble, and how we can practice doing these things.
- Remember the word THINK?
 - THINK before you speak
 - T – Is it TRUE?
 - H – Is it HELPFUL?
 - I – Is it INSPIRING? (does it encourage?)
 - N – Is it NECESSARY?
 - K – Is it KIND?
- How many of you remembered to think before you speak this past week?

Lesson

- In the last lesson, we talked about things that are true and noble. Today, we are going to talk about things that are **right**, and things that are **pure**. These are all important qualities that help us to live the kind of life that God wants us to live. Lives that will bring us closer to Jesus.
- **WHATEVER IS RIGHT:**
 - What does the word “right” mean?
 - Whatever is good or proper or honest
 - It also means righteous.
 - Remember when we talked about the Armour of God. There was the Breastplate of Righteousness. It helped us to make sure that our hearts were always right with God. So to think on what is right means to think about what Jesus would do as we want to model our behaviour after Him.
 - If we think about what God commands us to do, then we are thinking on things that are right.
 - Let’s read these verses together:
 - If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them. – James 4:17
 - And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. – Colossians 3:17
 - If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? – 1 John 3:17

- Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. – Galatians 6:9
 - Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. – 1 Thessalonians 5:15
- After reading these Bible verses, why do you think God wants us to do what is right?
- When have you listened to God and did the right thing?
- **WHATEVER IS PURE:**
 - What does the word “pure” mean?
 - Whatever is free from anything of a different matter such as pure gold or pure water
 - Jesus is the only pure and spotless one. The Bible says that all have sinned and fallen short of His glory
 - In order for us to be seen as pure by God, He sent His son to die for us so that we could live and become more like Him
 - Jesus blood purifies or cleans us from all unrighteousness!
 - When we understand the truth of what Jesus did for us and we ask Him to forgive us, we become Christians
 - But, because we are Christians, we are to become more like Christ – to become righteous like Jesus – to be right with God
 - This takes a lifetime and a miracle
 - The Lifetime – we will never fully be able to become like Jesus, but He asks us to still try; this way we are becoming pure and other people will notice that we are becoming like Jesus – this will start a reaction where others will want to become like Jesus too
 - The Miracle – When we die and go to heaven, God promises us a new and perfect body; this is when we will be truly pure; we won’t be Jesus but we will be pure and sinless
 - Let’s thank God for His miraculous greatness!!
 - What is something that you would like to “clean up” in your life? [This is something that will make you more like Jesus]

Application and Group Discussion

- Watch “Would you return found money? The Vancouver honesty test (https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=2tkMWVS3SmY&feature=emb_logo)
- Discussion
 - What would you do if someone dropped money and didn’t notice?
 - Would you return it?
 - Would you keep it?
 - What if no one was watching? Would you keep it then?
- How does this make you want to do what is right and pure?

Live it out Challenge

- What are the two character traits that we have learned today? **This week**, look at the thing you wanted to “clean up” in your life and ask Jesus to help you do the right thing.

Additional Learning

- Below is a word puzzle and a colouring page, that will help you understand more about how to ensure we are thinking about things that are right and pure.



Whatever is
True, Whatever
is Honorable, What-
ever is just, What-
ever is pure,
Whatever is lovely,
Whatever is commen-
dable, if there is
any moral ex-
cellence and if
there is any praise
Think on these things
Phil 4:8



Find the underlined words.

Finally, my friends, keep your minds on whatever is true, pure, right, holy, friendly, and proper. Don't ever stop thinking about what is truly worthwhile and worthy of praise. Philippians 4:8 CEV