

# 100 Days of Faith

## *A life God Rewards*

World Outreach Church

Sermon Discussion Guide

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### Ice Breaker

- Are you participating in the daily bible reading for 2019?

### I. Gift Presented: accept or reject

Romans 6:23 (NASB®)

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1. When are you most desperate for a gift or a need to be met? What is the exchange in the scripture?

Revelation 22:17 (NIV®)

<sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

2. What is a condition before we can come to receive? Discuss the spiritual condition of being thirsty.

#### A. Righteousness Earned or Received

Romans 10:3-4 (NASB®)

<sup>3</sup> For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. <sup>4</sup> For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

3. Through Jesus by faith what are we liberated from? Describe a season in your life where you leaned on self-effort.

Galatians 3:11 (NIV®)

<sup>11</sup> Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, "The righteous will live by faith."

4. What does living by faith mean to you? When is living like this the most difficult?

Romans 5:17 (NIV®)

<sup>17</sup> For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of **the gift of righteousness** reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

5. How is God's provision for grace and righteousness described? What is our responsibility beyond the prayer of salvation?

### II. A Life God Rewards

*Rewards are not random, nor are they an expression of grace, rewards are linked to our behavior, choices, practices.*

#### A. "Greatness" in the kingdom of heaven

Matthew 5:19 (NIV®)

<sup>19</sup> Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same **will be called least in the kingdom of heaven**, but whoever practices and teaches these commands **will be called great in the kingdom of heaven**.

6. Discuss a sacrifice you have made in order to achieve excellence. How have you applied yourself to seeking excellence for the kingdom?

#### B. Jesus' Teaching (vs. your thinking)

Matthew 16:27 (NIV®)

<sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then **he will reward each person according to what he has done**.

7. On what basis will Jesus dispense His rewards?

Matthew 19:27-29 (NIV®)

<sup>27</sup> Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?"

<sup>28</sup> Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup> And **everyone** who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.

8. Discuss Peter's question to Jesus and Jesus' response. Have you given something up for your faith?

### C. Time and/or Eternity

Matthew 6:1 (NIV®)

<sup>1</sup> "Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have **no reward from your Father in heaven.**

9. List different ways to practice generosity.

Matthew 6:2 (NIV®)

<sup>2</sup> "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, **they have received their reward in full.**

10. Who modeled giving that made an impact?

Matthew 6:4 (NIV®)

(giving) Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, **will reward you.**

11. Why is giving in private a benefit to you and the person you help? Why is giving in public also beneficial?

## III. Anointing of Priests & Kings

John 16:13 (NIV®)

<sup>13</sup> But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

### PRIESTS ANOINTED

Exodus 40:15 (NIV®)

<sup>15</sup> Anoint them just as you anointed their father, so they may serve me as priests. Their anointing will be to a priesthood that will continue for all generations to come."

### KINGS ANOINTED

1 Samuel 15:1 (NIV®)

<sup>1</sup> Samuel said to Saul, "I am the one the LORD sent to anoint you king over his people Israel; so listen now to the message from the LORD.

12. What is anointing oil a type of or represent?
13. Did you participate in the anointing service this weekend...what was your take away? Is this your first time being anointed?

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the great gift of righteousness, your grace and mercy have made possible new life to me. Holy Spirit help me to live a life pleasing to the Father. I choose to humble myself and learn the ways of righteousness. I choose to lay aside the fruitless deeds of darkness. Search me and help me to know my heart, that I might be pleasing in your sight, in Jesus' name, amen

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