

METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

MOTHERS' WEEK - MAY, 2019

DAILY PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK

OVERVIEW

The theme for the week and Mothers' Sunday is:

"LIVING THE WORD AND FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION REMINDING US OF OUR MOTTO 'TO KNOW JESUS AND MAKE HIM KNOWN.'"

The overarching theme will run for three (3) years.

In 2019, the focus will be on the 'Family', 2020 the emphasis will be on the 'Vanua' and 2021 the focus will be on the 'Nation'.

Let us be reminded that the call to fulfill the great commission is not only for mothers but for the greater community to go out and preach the gospel in the world.

The topics are:

- a) Great Commandment Matthew. 22:34-40, Mark 12:28-34, Luke 19 25:37
- b) Great Commission Matthew. 19:28

Trust that the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit will assist us in our bible study to help us better understand and know our roles as women and mothers.



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MONDAY 06/05/19

TOPIC WHAT IS LOVE?

BIBLE READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; John 4:7-21; Deuteronomy 6:1-5

A. Narrative

When we try and answer the question in our topic we will look at two texts from the bible. First is in 1 Corinthians 13: 1- 13 Paul tried to answer the question, What exactly is Love? These are his findings:

- 1) Love is patient
- 2) Love is kind
- 3) Love is not jealous
- 4) Love is not conceited
- 5) Love is not proud
- 6) Love is not ill mannered
- 7) Love is not selfish
- 8) Love is not irritable
- 9) Love does not keep a record of wrongs
- 10) Love is not happy with evil but is happy with the truth

B. John answered this question in 1 John 4: 7-21 For Love is God. – vs 8 ‘He who does not love, does not know God , **FOR GOD IS LOVE.’** Therefore, Love that is described in 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 shows that Love is with God. Those who have God have love but those who do not have God do not have love.

Discussion Questions

1. If you are asked to explain love, what would you say?
2. Are you able to see love? Yes/No. Explain.
3. Is there any of Paul’s teachings that you cannot practice?
4. What can you do about those?
5. Why does it say that **God is love**?

****Try and say 1 Cor. 13:4-7 to you personally –**

e.g. v.4 Love is patient	=	I am patient
Love is kind	=	I am kind
Love is not envious	=	I am not envious
Love does not behave rudely	=	I do not behave rudely
It is not conceited	=	I am not conceited

PRAYER TOPICS:

- Vanua
- Church
- Nation
- Men’s Fellowship

- Women’s Fellowship
- Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF)
- Sunday School
- Violence Against Women and Children
- Other topics as inspired by the Holy Spirit

TUESDAY 07/5/19

TOPIC: LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR SOUL

BIBLE TEXT: Deuteronomy 6: 4-5
 Matthew. 22: 34-40
 Mark 12: 28-40
 Luke 10: 20-55

Narrative

The Scribe asked Jesus to test him. He did not know that he was asking the law. Jesus is the law, the sermon (commandment) and the Word that exists from the beginning.. Jesus replied , Love the Lord your God with all your soul. When we want to love God we should start from within because Jesus knew that our soul will always focus on our own self. When you give yourself to Jesus Christ, your spirit is being renewed but your soul remains the same. It is our responsibility to evangelize our soul after giving our life to Jesus Christ. In Matthew 16: 24 Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” Without love, you will not be able to carry your cross and follow Him, therefore you should love the Lord with all your soul and not partially.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your soul? Explain.
2. Love God with all your soul. Why?
3. Why does the first commandment say that we should love God with all our soul?
4. What are some of the barriers that prevent you from loving God with all your soul?
5. How will it support our motto “Know Jesus and make Him known”? Discuss

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WEDNESDAY 08/05/19

TOPIC: LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART (SPIRIT)

BIBLE TEXTS : Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Matthew 22: 34-40; Mark 12: 28-40; Luke 10: 20-55;

Matthew 28: 19-20

Narrative

When we reflect on the bible study for the past two days we are able to see and understand why Jesus mentioned that this is the 'Greatest Commandment'. Jesus further stated that there is no other commandment that is greater than this. Today, we will focus on the second part of the commandment to love God with your Heart (Spirit).

The question in chapter 2 verse 4 says: what is your heart (Spirit)? What is your body? We could say – MY Spirit is I am. My body is the abode of my Spirit, which is similar to the house I live in.

Your whole spirit or your entire being should love God. When you love God wholly you will be able to witness Jesus to others and demonstrate this love and concern through your actions.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your spirit? Explain.
2. Elaborate why you have to love the Lord your God with **ALL YOUR SOUL**?
3. Is there any barrier that will stop you from loving your God? Discuss
4. How can you relate to love the Lord you God with all your soul and evangelizing or sharing about Jesus? Discuss
5. How can you witness your love for God with all your heart at home with your family and others? To Husband, Children, Grandfather, Grandmother, Aunts and Uncles and to others.
6. Can anyone demonstrate what we have learnt today?

PRAYER TOPICS:

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- Church
- Nation
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- Women's Fellowship
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- Sunday School
- Violence Against Women and Children
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THURSDAY 09/05/19

TOPIC : LOVE THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTHS

**Bible texts: Deuteronomy 6: 4-5; Mathew 22: 34-40; Mark 12: 28-40; Luke 10: 20-55;
Mathew 28: 19-20**

Narrative

Genesis 2: 7 – “Then the Lord God took some soil from the ground and formed a man out of it; he breathed life giving breath into his nostrils and the man began to live.”. In His creation, God created three (3) distinct beings to form a human being. He first created the body, then the spirit and lastly He created the soul. This is the likeness and image of God- the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost which is reflected in a person – Body, Spirit and Soul.

The hymn:

God the Father	Man the Body
God the Son	Man the Soul,
God the Holy Spirit	Man is the Spirit
Three In One	Three In One

In this topic we are directed into loving God with all our strength or with our body. We ask ourselves how can we love God with our body? As Jesus mentioned in the book of John “If you love me obey my commandments”. What is this commandments about the body? In 1 Corinthians 3: 16-17 we are the temple of God and we should not destroy the temple of God.

If you love God, you will not trash your body, smoking, excessive yaqona drinking, overindulgence in drinking, eating, laziness and no physical exercise.

Love God with all your might is doing God’s will in your body and your strength. You cannot say that you love God and continue to indulge in excessive yaqona drinking, you are a hypocrite and will be very difficult for you to share the gospel of Jesus. In doing so, you have become a barrier for people to know Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your body? Explain the connection between ‘your body’ and ‘all your strength’
2. If you love God with all your strength, what do you need to do to your body? Discuss.
3. When we look at the Women’s and Men’s fellowship today, can we really say that we love God with all our strength? Yes/No- Elaborate.
4. How can you relate this in our witnessing for Christ to others?
Can you make a commitment today to Jesus with all your heart, soul and with all your strength? If yes, discuss with your friends

PRAYER POINTS

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- MYF (Youths)
- Sunday School
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FRIDAY 10/05/19

TOPIC: LOVE OTHERS

BIBLE READING: Deuteronomy 6: 4-5; Matthew 22: 34-40; Mark 12: 28-40; Luke 10: 20-55; Matthew. 28: 19-20

Narrative

We have learnt from previous studies that you cannot love people unless you love God. The first four (4) of the ten commandment is about our love for God and the remaining six (6) addresses our relationship and love for each other. Both these commandments are equally important, however first and foremost is our love for God.

Your ability to love your spouse and your children first before you can only achieved by your obedience to the Word of God. The absence of love for God and others manifests in social ills such as rape, domestic violence, murder, divorce, teenage pregnancy, drugs etc.

Our Motto – To know Jesus and to make Him known starts with our families in practicing the biggest commandment and that is to, "Love the Lord your God with all your soul, with all your heart and all your strength.' The true image of love is to always put God first, others second and me to be last. However, it is quite difficult to put others first as human nature is always self centred. If we are to practice and live according to the will of God by putting Him first, others second and self last we must strive to be diligent in reading the Word of God, meditate, fast and pray. This is the only way we must follow in order to witness Him properly in our families and make him known to others.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Are you able to love others more than yourself: Yes/ No- Explain.
2. Discuss some of the ways in which you can practice in following the commandments and witnessing in your family?
3. What are some of the barriers that you go through in following this commandments and witnessing at home?
4. Are you willing to make a decision after this study? Yes/ No- Explain
5. You are asked to improve the life in your household in reducing crime as we can witness today. What are some of the practices and things you can do in order to prevent crimes?

LET US WALK THE TALK TO SHARE THE GOSPEL OF JESUS TODAY!

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SATURDAY 11/05/19

- Preparations for Sunday
- Chain prayer in the evening (6pm-10pm)

Many thanks & God Bless