



## BIKER BIBLE GROUP (BBG) AGENDA

TOPIC: Discipleship Video #6

### BEFORE YOU ATTEND THE NEXT BIKER BIBLE GROUP (BBG) MEETING ...

Pray: For your group leaders and for others in your BBG. Also remember to pray for the ministry team at the Biker Bible Institute.

View: View "Video #6" in Pastor Ray Dunbar's *Online Video Discipleship Series*.

Read: Jer 17

Focus: On the story of the nature of man (Jer 17:1-18):

"Judah's sin is engraved with an iron tool, inscribed with a flint point, on the tablets of their hearts and on the horns of their altars. **2** Even their children remember their altars and Asherah poles beside the spreading trees and on the high hills.

**3** My mountain in the land and your wealth and all your treasures I will give away as plunder, together with your high places, because of sin throughout your country. **4** Through your own fault you will lose the inheritance I gave you. I will enslave you to your enemies in a land you do not know, for you have kindled my anger, and it will burn forever."

**5** This is what the LORD says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the LORD. **6** That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives.

**7** "But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. **8** They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the

stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

**9** The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? **10** “I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve.”

**11** Like a partridge that hatches eggs it did not lay are those who gain riches by unjust means. When their lives are half gone, their riches will desert them, and in the end they will prove to be fools.

**12** A glorious throne, exalted from the beginning, is the place of our sanctuary.

**13** LORD, you are the hope of Israel; all who forsake you will be put to shame. Those who turn away from you will be written in the dust because they have forsaken the LORD, the spring of living water.

**14** Heal me, LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.

**15** They keep saying to me, “Where is the word of the LORD? Let it now be fulfilled!” **16** I have not run away from being your shepherd; you know I have not desired the day of despair. What passes my lips is open before you.

**17** Do not be a terror to me; you are my refuge in the day of disaster. **18** Let my persecutors be put to shame, but keep me from shame; let them be terrified, but keep me from terror. Bring on them the day of disaster; destroy them with double destruction.

Review: The Supporting Scripture passages below:

- [1 Pet 2:2, NIV] Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation
- [Acts 17:23, NIV] For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.
- [Lev 4:7, NIV] The priest shall then put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of fragrant incense that is before the LORD in the tent of meeting. The rest of the bull’s blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering at the entrance to the tent of meeting.
- [Prov 3:3, NIV] Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

- [2 Chron 24:18, NIV] They abandoned the temple of the LORD, the God of their ancestors, and worshiped Asherah poles and idols. Because of their guilt, God's anger came on Judah and Jerusalem.
- [Ps 125:2, NIV] As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore.

Reflect: Each Support Scripture passage was selected because it connects to something that is going on in the Focal (Focus) Scripture passage. Reflect on possible connections and pray about deeper meanings for this special story.

## AT THE BBG MEETING ...

Social: Start with fellowship. If possible, set aside 30-60 minutes for a meal together or heavy snacks in someone's home. Enjoy being friends together!

Pray: Open together with prayer. Remember to pray for needs in your community.

Read: The Focal Scripture (Jer 17:9).

Talk: Talk about the Focal Scripture.

- What was going on? What are the key points of the story?
- Did anything stand out in this passage?
- What would someone remember after reading it?

Talk: About the questions for this session.

### *Observation*

- What is (are) the central thought(s) in Jer 17?
- Are there any words or ideas that keep coming up in the passage?
- Who is (are) the main characters in the passage?

### *Interpretation*

- What do you think this Scripture passage meant to the early church?
- What was the writer trying to tell the world about Jesus?
- Are there any eternal truths for us in this passage? Explain.

### *Application*

- How might this passage apply to us today?
- Does this passage speak to any needs or problems in modern society?
- Is there any part of this passage we could turn into a prayer?

Reflect: Standard Discipleship Questions: "Based on what we read and talked about..."

- "What should I start doing in my life?"
- "What should I stop doing in my life?"
- "What should I change in my life?"

Look: Ahead to the next BBG session (Video #7).

Pray: For each other, your community and your leaders, the BBI ministry team, and the peace of Jerusalem.

## **AFTER THE BBG MEETING ...**

Act: On your insights from the “Discipleship Questions.” Pray about ways you might start, stop, or change doing something in your life. Ask the Holy Spirit for help.

Invite: Someone new to your next BBG group.

**And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who ride (*walk*) on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. (Isa 35:8, NIV)**

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