

NATHANIEL'S JOURNEY BIBLE STUDY

There is nothing more important for a Christian than a strong foundation. As 1 Peter 2:2 says, we are to “crave pure spiritual milk so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.” No matter whether you are young or old, it is important that you know God’s word. That is why we have developed this Bible Study. It is designed to help you get into God’s word for yourself.

This Bible study is designed to be used with “Nathaniel’s Journey”. If you do not have a copy of this book, or need more copies for your group, please call us at (715) 349-7185.

You may have noticed there is just one set of lessons in this packet. **Feel free to make as many copies of this study as necessary** for use in individual or group Bible studies. Permission is not granted to modify or sell this Bible study.

This Bible Study works well in an eight week series, and the numbers at the top of the pages indicate which week a particular lesson would be covered in. For example, during the first week, participants in the Bible Study would complete the first lesson. However, this is just one way the study can be used. As the Holy Spirit leads, you may find many other ways to study the Bible using this Bible Study and the “Nathaniel’s Journey” book. However you use the Bible Study, we recommend that everyone in the Bible Study reads “Nathaniel’s Journey” before starting the study. For that reason, it may be helpful to pass the “Nathaniel’s Journey” books out a week before the Bible Study begins.

God bless you as you study His word!



I. WHO ARE YOU?

When Nathaniel started his journey, he met a man who said that the King would not want to meet Nathaniel. "You're of no use to him. You're too little. You're too young. You're too weak. I could name a thousand reasons why the King wouldn't want to meet someone like you. The King wants warriors, not nobodies like you." Many people feel like this. They think that God could never love them. Maybe they've made too many mistakes. Or maybe they just don't feel very important. In this lesson, we are going to look at you. Who are you? Who did God make you to be?

1. Who made you? *Psalm 139:13-16*

2. Does God make mistakes? *Matthew 5:48*

3. What did God use as His pattern when he made you? *Genesis 1:26,27*

4. Many people look at people and judge them by what they look like or what they can do. Is that how God looks at people? *Proverbs 21:2, 1 Samuel 16:1-13*

5. How important do you think you are you to God? *John 3:16*

2. ONE WAY TO HEAVEN

On his journey Nathaniel met a man who was looking for a pass in to the Kingdom Beyond the Woods. This surprised Nathaniel. He didn't know you needed a pass. He thought everyone could get into the Kingdom. Many people think that everyone is going to heaven. Others say that just "good" people will go to heaven. But the Bible doesn't teach that.

1. John 3:3 tells us that only certain people can enter the kingdom of God. Who are they?

2. Romans 10:9 tells us the two things that are required for a person to be saved. What are they?

3. Is there any other way to get to heaven? *John 14:6*

4. Re-write the following verses in your own words. *1 John 5:11,12*

Here is a prayer you can pray to accept Jesus as your Savior and Lord.

Dear God, I believe that Jesus died on the cross for me, and I believe that He rose from the dead and is in heaven with You. I accept Your gift of eternal life and I thank You for it. I give my whole life to You, and promise to serve You forever. Amen.

3. OUR HELPER

Once we've asked Jesus to be our Savior and Lord, and receive his gift of eternal life, we receive another gift – the Holy Spirit. In some ways, the Holy Spirit is like Nathaniel's flashlight. He leads us and shows us where we need to go and what we need to do.

1. Where does the Holy Spirit live? *John 14:16,17*

2. What are some things the Holy Spirit does in the life of the believer?

John 14:26

John 16:13-15

Acts 1:8

4. OUR ENEMY

One day a creature in a tree told Nathaniel to turn off his flashlight. But when Nathaniel shined his light on the creature, it flew away. It was scared of the light. The devil is like that creature. He is God's enemy. The devil wants us to leave the path of God. He wants us to stop listening to the Holy Spirit. But he can't do anything to us if we're listening to God and following the direction of the Holy Spirit. If we stand up to the devil in the name of Jesus, he has to leave.

1. Who is our battle against? *Ephesians 6:10-18*

2. What did Jesus do to these powers and authorities? *Colossians 2:15*

3. Why does the devil prowl around like a lion? *1 Peter 5:8,9*

4. What two things can we do to make the devil flee from us. *James 4:7*

5. If you do these two things, can the devil defeat you?

5. OUR SWORD

Even though the woods were filled with many narrow paths and scary creatures, Nathaniel didn't need to be afraid. He had his flashlight to guide him. He also had a sword. We have a sword too. It's called the Bible.

1. Who wrote the Bible? *2 Peter 1:20,21*

2. Can you trust the words in the Bible? *Psalms 12:6*

3. What two things will happen to the person who thinks about God's word all the time and then is careful to do what it says? *Joshua 1:8*

4. What will happen to the person who listens to God's word but doesn't do what it says? *Matthew 7:24-27*

6. OUR RADIO

Nathaniel also received a radio to talk with the King. This radio didn't have an on or off switch. It was always turned on. Nathaniel could talk with the King anytime he wanted to, day or night. We can talk with God anytime we want to just by praying.

1. What sorts of things can you pray about? *Philippians 4:6*

2. What does God promise to those who believe when they pray? *Matthew 21:22, Mark 11:23,24*

3. If a person doesn't have faith, what can they expect to receive from God? *James 1:6-8*

4. How can you be sure God is going to answer your prayers? *1 John 5:14,15*

5. James 5:16 tells us that the prayer of a righteous person is

_____ and _____.

7. OUR JOB

After Nathaniel accepted his pass into the Kingdom Beyond the Woods, the King didn't let him into the Kingdom right away. He wanted Nathaniel to tell other travelers about the Kingdom Beyond the Woods and how they could receive a pass to get there. God is just like the King. He wants us to tell other people the good news about Jesus so they can receive eternal life.

1. Before he went up to heaven, what three things did Jesus tell his disciples that he wanted them to do? *Matthew 28:19,20*

2. Who does God want to be saved? *2 Peter 3:9*

3. God has some very special messengers in the world who have been given the responsibility of telling others the good news about Jesus Christ. Who are these messengers? *2 Corinthians 5:20*

4. How should we tell people about Jesus? *1 Peter 3:15*

8. OUR HOME

One day, Nathaniel finally met the King face to face. The King said that Nathaniel's job was finished. And he welcomed him into the Kingdom Beyond the Woods.

In the same way, the Bible promises that everyone who knows Jesus as their Lord and Savior will someday leave this world to live with Him forever.

1. Before he died, Jesus made a special promise to his followers about heaven. What was it? *John 14:1-3*

2. What will heaven be like? *Revelation 21 and 22*

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