

Small group fellowship questions

Session 1: A new generation growing up in the wilderness

Question 1. When God delivered Israel out of Egypt, what was His high expectation for them? Most of them did not pay any attention. Where were their hearts at, Egypt or Canaan? Can one love the world and love God at the same time? (See 1John 2:15, Matt 6:24)

Question 2. 40 years later, only Caleb, Joshua and the new generation entered Canaan. What was so special about Caleb? About Joshua? About the new generation? What was Hebron to Caleb? What was the tabernacle to Joshua? What was Canaan to the new generation?

Session 2: Use diligence to enter into the rest

Question 1. Why is God's rest in Hebrew 3 and 4 called the Sabbath rest? How is the rest related to God's purpose? Can we have real rest in God if we despise God's purpose?

Question 2. The new generation had to grow up amid difficulties and frustrations. How did they overcome and be made ready to enter Canaan in 38 years? Did that generation leave good testimonies in the Bible? Please give some examples.

Session 3: Wholly following the Lord

Question 1. Why is the cross so important when we want to follow Jesus? Is it possible to follow Jesus without taking up the cross? If not, why not?

Question 2. Caleb and Joshua wholly followed the LORD (Num 32:12). Peter emphasized the salvation of the soul (1Pet 1:9). In Rev 14:4, the 144,000 follow the Lamb wherever He goes. Are the 3 stories connected in meaning? Please explain the progression.

Session 4: The Philadelphia Church

Question 1. What was the value of the Philadelphia Church to Lord Jesus? Please discuss the Lord's specific points in Rev 3. What sets Philadelphia apart from the Ephesians, Pergamos, Sardis, Thyatira, and Laodicea?

Question 2. Is there any characteristic of the saints in Philadelphia that is impossible for us to also have? If not, what is stopping us from wholly following Lord and be like Philadelphia?

小組交通問題

第一堂：新的一代在曠野中長大

問題 1 — 當神將以色列人從埃及拯救出來時，祂對他們的期望是什麼？他們當中的大多數人都沒有在意，他們的心在哪裡，埃及還是迦南？一個人可以同時愛世界和愛神嗎？（見約翰一書 2:15，馬太福音 6:24）

問題 2 — 40 年後，只有迦勒、約書亞和新一代進入迦南。迦勒有什麼特別之處？約書亞怎樣？新一代又怎樣？希伯倫對迦勒來說是什麼？會幕對約書亞來說是什麼？迦南對新一代來說是什麼？

第二堂：竭力進入安息

問題 1 — 為什麼在希伯來書 3 和 4 章中，神的安息被稱為安息日的安息？這安息與神的旨意有什麼關係？如果我們藐視神的旨意，我們能在神裡面得著真正的安息嗎？

問題 2 — 新一代必須在困難和挫折中成長。他們是如何在 38 年內得勝並準備好進入迦南的？那一代人在聖經中留下了美好的見證嗎？請舉例說明。

第三堂：全心跟從主

問題 1 — 當我們想要跟從耶穌時，為什麼十字架如此重要？不背起十字架可以跟從耶穌嗎？如果不可以，為什麼？

問題 2 — 迦勒和約書亞全心跟從耶和華（民 32:12）。彼得強調魂的得救（彼前 1:9）。在啟示錄 14:4 中，144,000 人，羔羊無論往那裡去，他們都跟隨祂。這三個故事在意義上有關聯嗎？請說明進展的過程。

第四堂：非拉鐵非的教會

問題 1 — 非拉鐵非教會對主耶穌的價值是什麼？請討論主在啟示錄第 3 章中的具體觀點。是什麼使非拉鐵非教會與以弗所、別迦摩、撒狄、推雅推喇和老底嘉教會區別開來？

問題 2 — 非拉鐵非的聖徒有哪些特徵是我們不可能擁有的？如果沒有，是什麼阻止我們像非拉鐵非教會一樣全心跟從主呢？