

Genesis 16 – Knowing Your Worth January 26, 2020 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



KNOWING YOUR WORTH

YOUR WORTH IS NOT BASED ON:

- WHAT YOU MAKE OF YOURSELF
- WHAT OTHERS THINK OF YOU
- OUTDOING OTHERS
- HOW OTHERS TREAT YOU

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YOUR WORTH IS BASED ON:

- THE GOD WHO MADE YOU
- WHAT GOD THINKS OF YOU
- GOD'S PURPOSES FOR YOU
- WHAT GOD PAID FOR YOU

Questions:

1. Think of an experience that helped you gain a lot of confidence. What happened?
2. What do you remember about each of the main points of the sermon? (seen above). Discuss what stood out to you. Do you have any questions to bring up?
3. Let's look at someone in the Bible who didn't seem to struggle much with insecurity. He was known as John the Baptist. Read John 3:26-30 (John had a ministry in which he had baptized multitudes of people)
 - a) What were John's followers concerned about? Why?
 - b) Have you ever lost a position or job to someone else? (e.g. the lead part in a play, a position on a sports team, etc.). What did that feel like?
 - c) How did John the Baptist respond to his followers' concern?
 - d) Examine what John says. What are his core beliefs and values that enable him to have joy in this situation?
 - e) How do you think your beliefs and values compare to John's?
 - f) What are some practical ways to improve in this area?
4. Read Luke 1:13. This story is from before John the Baptist was born.
 - a) Can you think of any other times in the Bible where God wanted a child to have a certain name? Why do you think God sometimes did this?
 - b) What is the meaning of the name John? (Have someone look it up on their phone)
 - c) Why do you think that God wanted such a fiery prophet to have this name? (see Romans 2:4)
 - d) How do you think John's view of himself was affected when he first heard the story behind his name?
 - e) What is your view of yourself? Do you sense that you have a God-given purpose? If so, what is it? If not, what can you do to find it?
5. After Jesus appeared on the scene, John the Baptist's ministry faded. He was soon arrested, thrown into prison, and then killed.
 - a) Does it bother you that such a good and faithful man had such a sad final chapter?
 - b) Read Luke 1:14-15 (this is the angel speaking to John's father before John was born). How did the angel say God would view John?
 - c) Who would you rather be great in the eyes of, God or people? Does this show in the way you live your life?
6. What tends to steal your confidence and make you feel worthless?
7. Now spend some time praying for each other. Pray that God would grant us a similar perspective and attitude as that of John the Baptist. Ask that we would know our worth and walk in confidence.