

Personal/Small Group Study

Week of January 28, 2024 A.D.

God Is the Potter. We Are the Clay.

God loves you and He has a wonderful plan for your life. In fact, from Genesis to Revelation, God is shouting His message which is loud and clear. You have been created by God and for God. God wants you to know Him and to enjoy Him and to love Him now and for eternity.

(Note: For every question which appears in this study, always give the reasoning and/or the explanation for each of your answers.)

Read Colossians 2:9-10; 1:15-16

1. Why did God create us and the world in which we live?
2. Do you agree with this statement: "Every person who has ever lived on planet Earth has been created by God and for God"?
3. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "The Bible is God's instruction manual which explains the purpose and reason for our life on Earth."
4. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "If I want to know why I am alive and how I am to fulfill God's personal plan for my life on earth, I must routinely and consistently study, learn, and do what the Bible tells me to do."
5. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "Without the presence of God in my life, my existence makes no sense."
6. To which of the following do you devote the greater amount of your time: (a) television, (b) the internet/computer, (c) physical, non-work activity, (d) non-Bible reading, or (e) reading, studying, and meditating upon the teachings of the Bible? Are you willing to change your habits so that (e) becomes your answer? Why or why not?

Read Ephesians 1:9-10

7. Will time as we know it, and the world as we know it, eventually come to an end? If so, what will replace (a) time? and (b) the world?
8. According to these verses, what is God's ultimate intention? Is it God's intention for you to receive Christ Jesus as your Savior and Lord? Have you done so? Why? If not, why not? If so, how has your relationship with Christ changed your life?
9. Does God want you to live in accordance with the teachings of the New Testament? If so, why? If so, state the behavior habits which you have established to regularly learn and apply to your life the teachings of Christ and the apostles?

Read 1 John 4:7-8

10. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "I have been created as a special object of God's love. God made me so that he could love me. Therefore, I should make it the primary goal of my life to experience God's love, and to enjoy God's love, and to show to God my love in return."
11. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "Every time that I acknowledge who God is, and every time that I choose to seek, know, and obey His will for my life, I more fully realize that (a) God loves me and (b) my life has great meaning, purpose, and value to God."

Read John 14:6

12. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "When I stand before God, He will ask me 'What did you do with my Son, Christ Jesus?' How I answer that question will determine where (and how) I spend my life in eternity."

Consider: We have been created by God and for God. My only purpose in life is to please God (a) by enjoying the personal relationship which I have with Him when I place my faith in Jesus alone for salvation and (b) by obeying His commands as expressed in the Bible and as expressed to me in my daily conversations with God. "You think about that." Amen.