

Journey to the Cross

Lesson 14
His Word, Your Way

2015 - 2016



MEMORIAL DRIVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Jesus Loves Me: 2:14



Opening Song





Memory Verse

**Be sure to keep the
commands of
the Lord your God
and the stipulations and
decrees He has given you.**

Deuteronomy 6:17

Swimming Against the Current



We need to be salmon!

Today



God and People



Overview



Be Invitational

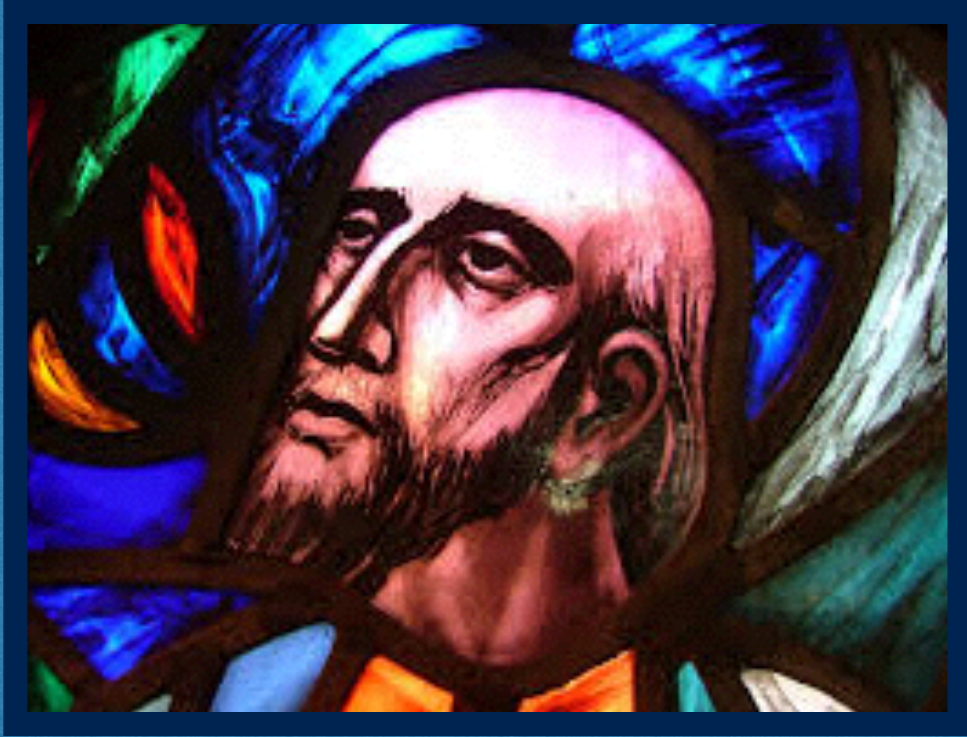


Overview



The Divided Kingdom

4 Godly Men who followed God's Word

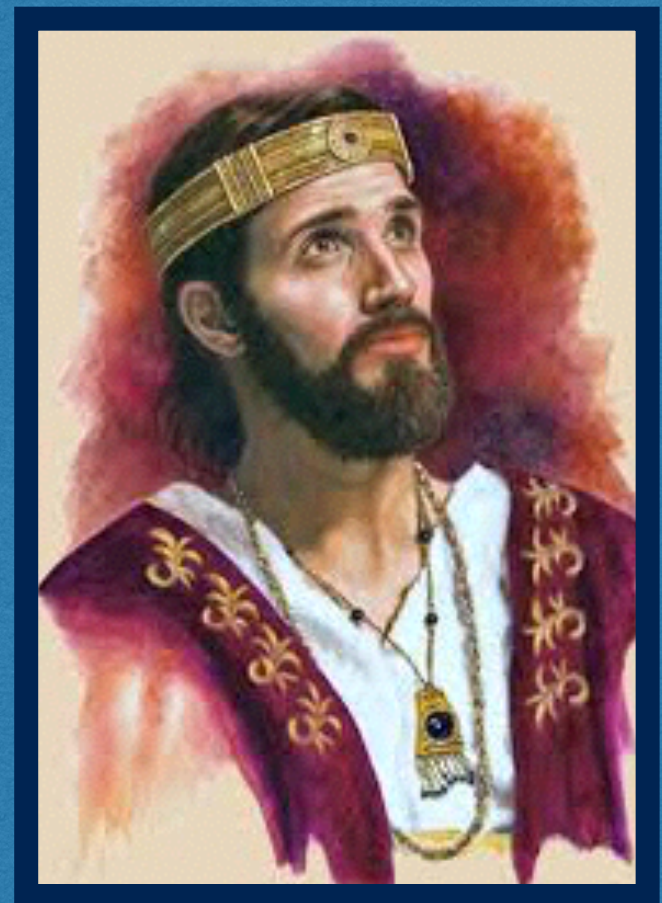


1. Prophet Elijah

2. Prophet Elisha

3. King Hezekiah

4. King Josiah



**Kings of Israel
Northern Kingdom
852-722 B.C.**

Ahaziah 2 years
Joram 12
Jehu 28
Jehoahaz 17
Jehoash 16
Jeroboam II 41
Zechariah 6 months
Shallum 1 month
Menahem 10
Pekahiah 2
Pekah 8
Hoshea 9

**** denotes kings who were
faithful to God's Word***

in Lesson 14

**Kings of Judah
Southern Kingdom
841-586 B.C.**

Jehoram 8 years
Ahaziah 1
Joash* 40
Amaziah* 29
Uzziah* 52
Jotham* 16
Ahaz 16
Hezekiah* 29
Manasseh 55
Amon 2
Josiah* 31
Jehoahaz 3 months
Jehoiakim 11
Jehoiachin 3 months
Zedekiah 11



God and People

What do we know about God from our study this week?

- God wants exclusivity. God is intolerant of idols. (Exodus 20:2-3)
- God is true to God's Word. God said that King Ahaziah was going to die and he did.

**2 Kings 1:1-18
(Elijah)**

What do we know about God from our study this week?

- Elisha is the bearer of God's power and wisdom. Wisdom is from God and is available to believers.
- Yahweh is the God of Hope. God is faithful and will not abandon us. When Elijah goes, God remains with Elisha.

**2 Kings 2:1-18
(Elijah is taken up)**

What do we know about God from our study this week?

- God is sovereign, powerful and filled with grace.

**2 Kings 5
(Naaman Story)**

What do we know about God from our study this week?

- God can thwart the plans of the enemy.
- God provides unseen protection awaiting God's command to act.

2 Kings 6:8-23
(Army)

What do we know about God from our study this week?

- God continues to love Israel and keeps the covenant despite Israel's infidelity.
- God keeps God's promises. Judah had its 3 victories as indicated by the 3 arrow taps.

**2 Kings 13:14-15
(Arrow Taps)**

What do we know about God from our study this week?

- God listens to God's people. God heard Josiah's cries of repentance and delayed disaster.

**2 Kings 22:1-20, 23:1-25
(Josiah)**

What do we know about People from our study?



Humankind is sinful - both then and now.

In 2 Kings, we see God's people sinking into darkness. God allows the people to be overtaken by foreign powers. This is a consequence of their sinful behavior.



What do we know about People from our study?

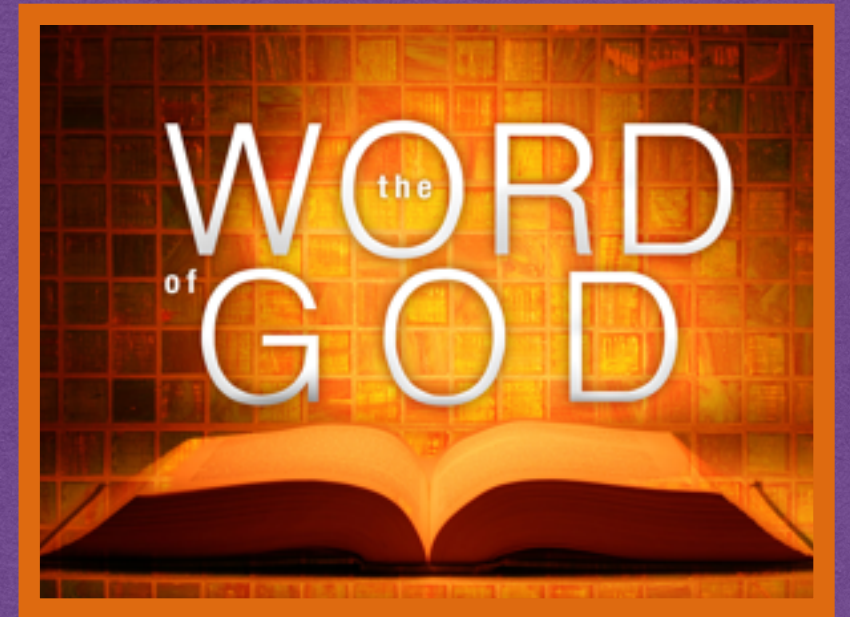
In Romans 7:18-24, Paul talks about his own
sinfulness but ends with:

*Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our
Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with
my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.*

Romans 7:25 ESV

Also see Jeremiah 17:9, Psalm 51:5; John 5:42;
Ephesians 2:1-2; 2 Timothy 3:4; Romans 8:7

What do we know about People from our study?



Because of our sinfulness, we are in need of
God's grace.

The Church's priority is to bring people to
know the grace of God through knowing
God's Word, both written and Living.

God's written Word is the Bible and God's
Living Word is Jesus.



Be Invitational

Visitor's Day

Thursday, January 28

Sunday, January 31

Wednesday, February 3

**New Unit Begins 2 Weeks after
Visitor's Day.**

How Can I be Invitational?

1. Pray first.

Ask God to put on your heart the right person(s) to invite to Bible Study. Ask for a “can do” attitude. Ask for wisdom and the words you’ll need.

2. Rely.

Rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to give you what you need.





How Can I be
Invitational?

3. Prepare.

Write down what you might say to another person. How has Bible Study affected or touched you? Why do you like Bible Study?

How Can I be Invitational?

4. Recognize & respond. Note the opportunities

God has given you and act.



5. Be conversational.

Chat with the person about everyday life and let them know that you are interested in them as a person. If it's someone you don't know well, talk to them several times before asking them to join you. Be a good listener.

How Can I be Invitational?

6. Follow up.

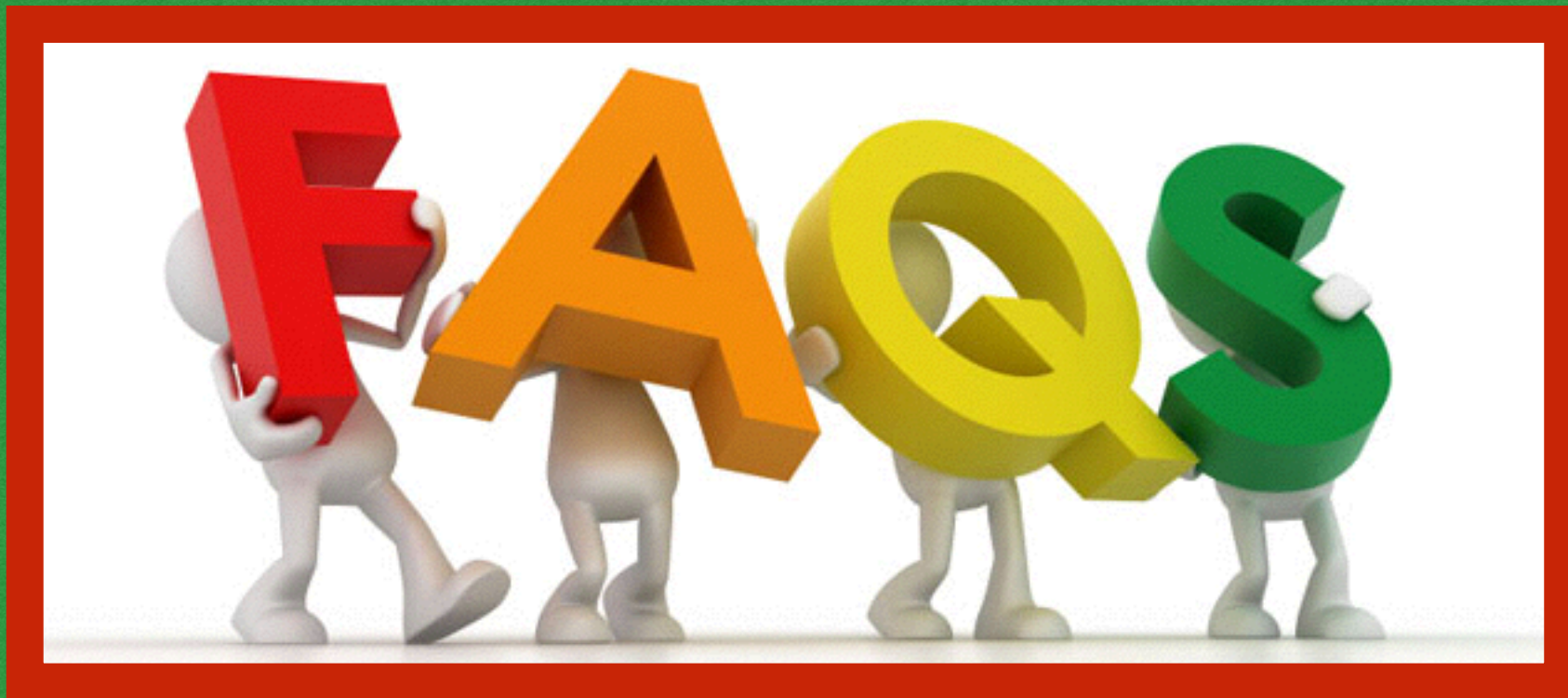
Follow up with an email or text message putting the time and place in writing.

“Do you want to ride together on that day?”

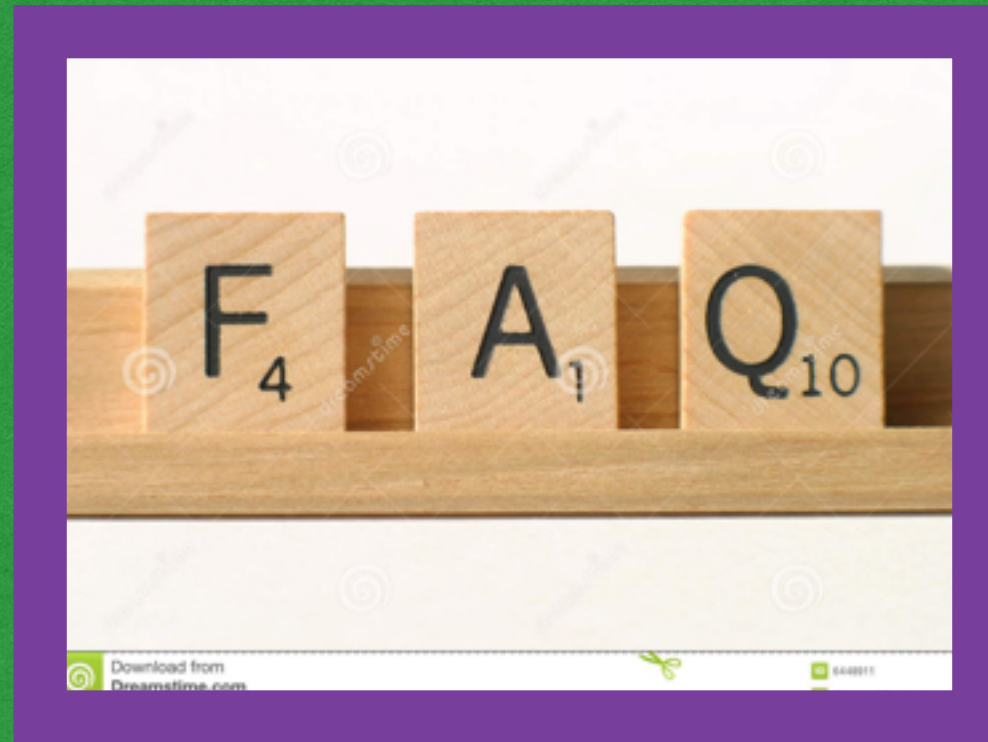
7. Follow up again.

After Visitor’s Day, follow up again with a call/email/text. “Is there anything else you need to know about joining our Bible Study?” or “If you missed Visitor’s Day, come another time.”





1. Can my guest join my small group or will he/she be put in another small group? They may join your small group for the remainder of the year if they choose to do so. We begin a new unit in 2 weeks.



2. Is there childcare on Thursdays?

Yes. Reservations are recommended. Contact Mimi Wells at mwells@mdpc.org or 713-490-9266.

Is there childcare on Sundays?

Yes. You may register your child at the sign-in stations where someone will help you.



3. How do I join BSD? Your guest may register online at bsd.mdpc.org or by contacting Marcia Davis at mmmdavis84@gmail.com or 713-598-4330. Materials fee will be \$20 and the curriculum will be provided at the time of registration. You will receive an email soon with details in writing.



4. Do I have to join MDPC to join Bible Study? Is this a recruiting tool for the church's membership roles? No. For those of you who are not members of MDPC, please know that we are NOT trying to get you to join MDPC. We simply have a Bible Study that may meet your needs. Everyone is invited whether or not you are a member.



Applying the Lesson to Your Life

Elijah, Elisha, Hezekiah and Josiah highly regarded God's Word and followed it.

The Church's priority is to bring people to know the grace of God through knowing God's Word.

Pray, prepare, and invite someone(s) to Bible Study Discussion.



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**Bad Ways to Witness
by
the Skit Guys**