

Welcome to Bible Study 2 July 2023

EVEN A CUP OF COLD WATER

The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth

Opening Prayer (please pray together)

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

WELCOME!!

**Q 1 Do you remember a time when you were really thirsty?
How did you feel when your thirst was quenched?**

Worship 🎵 Suggestions

As the deer pants for the water
Come to me those that are thirsty
Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us
Take my life and let it be

Word; Psalm 89:1-4 & 15-18

- ¹ I will sing of the LORD's great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all generations.
- ² I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.
- ³ You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant,
- ⁴ "I will establish your line forever
and make your throne firm through all generations."
- ¹⁵ Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,
who walk in the light of your presence, LORD.
- ¹⁶ They rejoice in your name all day long;
they celebrate your righteousness.
- ¹⁷ For you are their glory and strength,
and by your favour you exalt our horn.
- ¹⁸ Indeed, our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Word; Matthew 10:40-42

⁴⁰ “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

Jesus shares that when someone receives one of His disciples, they are really receiving the Messiah and God who sent the Messiah. And He talks about the rewards one can expect for receiving prophets, righteous men, and giving cups of cold water to little ones in the name of a disciple.

Q 2 What do you understand by the close identification between God, Jesus and those who go in his name?

Q 3 Jesus is teaching us the difference between Kingdom economics and our world. Those who give of themselves to others are rewarded. Even a cup of water to those who need it is noticed. Please discuss

Q 4 Jesus sends us out into the World but says that he will provide for us. Have you ever experienced this?

Works

How can we represent Jesus this week as we go about our daily lives

Ending Prayer

Gracious God, trusting in your providence and presence, we bring our prayer. We pray for your strengthening of all those committed to offering leadership. We pray for all who are ill. We pray for those with anxieties and depression. We pray for those full of grief. We remember those who have passed into your loving care. We pray for your grace to sustain us as we do what we can to help others around us. We worship in faith as we offer our heartfelt prayer in your Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Shalom

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