

Saturday, September 27, 2014

Name: _____

D1 - Getting started with the first discipline...

DUE:

Saturday, October 25, 2014

Before you begin this homework, take a few minutes to pray and focus your heart and mind on God. Thank Him for His Word and ask Him to reveal more of Himself to you through His Word. Ask Him to increase your heart's desire to know and love Him.

LOOKING BACK...

Review your lesson notes from September 27 ("God's Transformation of Man"). That lesson was an "avalanche" of gospel truth. Don't be overwhelmed by how much there is to consider in God's transformation of man through the gospel of Jesus Christ. But, as you reflect back on that lesson, what did you find new, encouraging or helpful? What difference do you see that lesson making in your daily living?

LOOKING DAY BY DAY...

Have you selected a Bible reading plan yet? Which one? How has your daily reading been going? How well are you doing at looking for God as you read (His character and actions toward man)? Explain a bit, please. Are you using your reading time to also express your love for Him, worship of Him, thanks to Him? If you don't see improvement in this immediately, don't lose heart. Pray and be sure to ask for help.

LOOKING AHEAD...

In preparation for the Saturday, October 25 lesson (D2 - The home - Deut 6:1-9), read Deut 6:1-9. What does the passage say about the heart? The word? The household and the relationships in the household?

LOOKING DEEPER...

Psalm 51

1. Make a list of the descriptions of God (do not include the actions God does - see #2):

2. Make a list of the actions God achieves:

Q: What do you need to meditate on and remember concerning God's character today? How does God's character and actions bring comfort to you today?

3. Make a list of the different ways David refers to his sin:

4. Make a list of David's requests to God:

Q: What did you learn from David's long list of sin in Psalm 51? How does his thinking about his own sin need to impact the way you think about your own sin?

5. Make a list of David's descriptions of what a forgiven or restored believer looks like and will do:

Q: What did you learn from David's descriptions of what it means to be a forgiven and restored believer? Which description(s) do you think you presently have? Which description(s) do you lack but want to possess?

Write out a prayer... focus on: praising God for His character and actions revealed in Psalm 51, OR, what you learned about your sin through Psalm 51, OR, asking God to forgive you for your sin and to restore you as David describes in Psalm 51.