

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: Reaching out to leaders who can change the world.

POWERFUL AND INVOLVED

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Lesson 2 – Powerful and Involved

INTRODUCTION

What is one prayer request that you are thankful that God didn't answer the way you asked?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

Read Mark 1:21–27; 34

1. Who recognized Jesus' power? Why did they *have* to obey? What was the people's reaction?

Read Hebrews 1:1-4; Ps 33:6-12; 66:5,7

Note: Deists believe that God created the world, then withdrew, letting His creation run automatically like a watch with a battery.

2. To whom is Jesus compared?
3. The ongoing existence of all creation is dependent upon whom?
4. How is Jesus involved? What difference does that make?
5. How do we connect with Jesus?
6. What is God's involvement with nations? With governments? With people? With you?

Read 2 Cor 12:7-10

7. What was Paul's prayer? God's answer? Paul's reaction?
8. How did Paul know that God had heard his prayer?
9. What does this say about God's willingness to be involved in the details of our lives?
10. What does this say about our ability to control every aspect of our own life?

APPLICATION

- Have you limited God? What difference can His power make in the situation you are facing?
- What prayer concern do you need to turn over to the all-powerful God?

While it is still dark, a solitary car drives through the gate to the factory. A lone figure makes his way to a back door, unlocks it, and steps inside. A light goes on, then another. Large machines are fired up, temperature control equipment is engaged, banks of machinery soon begin to hum. By the time 7 a.m. rolls around, the millwright has the plant all powered up and ready for a new day's production.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we can experience a similar "powering up." It should happen every morning. We aren't prepared for a day of spiritual and personal productivity until we've spent time "warming up." A chapter of Scripture, some well-spent moments of devotional reading, meditation, and prayer set the proper spiritual climate for the rest of the day.

We need God's power even more when we go through periods of emptiness, depression, or testing. Feeling shut down, we cry out to God. Isaiah declared that the Lord "gives power to the weak" and "increases strength". Isa 40:29

We need the strength of the Lord not only for severe trials but also for everyday living--and He has promised it. When we turn to God, we can "mount up with wings like eagles" (v.31). Go to Him daily to power up.

To know God's presence is to know God's power.

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