



Essentials – Part 3 Sermon Discussion Notes

OPENING THOUGHT

ESSENTIALS PART 1 – WATER BAPTISM. BEING BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF SOMEONE IS TRANSFERRING YOUR ALLEGIANCE FROM ONE MASTER TO ANOTHER.

ESSENTIALS PART 2 – READING THE BIBLE. YOUR LIFE WILL BE TRANSFORMED INTO WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO BE.

ESSENTIALS PART 3 – KNOWING GOD THROUGH PRAYER

SCRIPTURES

MATTHEW 22:34 – 40 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. 35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" 37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 this is the first and greatest commandment. 39 and the second is like it: "love your neighbor as yourself." 40 all the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

DANIEL 11:32 (NIV) With flattery he will corrupt those who have violated the covenant, but the people who know their God will firmly resist him.

DANIEL 11:32b (KJV) the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

DANIEL 11:32b (NASU) the people who know their God will display strength and take action.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. DISCUSS THREE ESSENTIAL THINGS THAT YOU MUST DO TO KNOW GOD.
2. PRAYER IS COMMUNICATING (talking) WITH GOD. WHAT ARE THE TWO ASPECTS OF COMMUNICATING?
3. WHEN WE TALK TO GOD WE MUST HAVE AN EXPECTANT HEART THAT GOD WILL DO WHAT?
4. DISCUSS THE DIFFERENT WAYS GOD HAS SPOKEN TO YOU.
5. WHERE IS THE SECRET PLACE OF PRAYER?
6. WHEN NEHEMIAH WAS STANDING BEFORE THE KING AND PRAYED IN HIS HEART, WHY WAS THE LORD ABLE TO SPEAK TO HIM SO QUICKLY?
7. WHY WAS DANIEL DELIVERED FROM THE LION'S DEN?
8. SHARE HOW THE LORD HAS BROUGHT YOU THROUGH SOME TRIAL OR HAS GIVEN YOU A WORD FOR SOMEONE AS A DIRECT RESULT OF YOUR CONSISTENT PRAYER LIFE.

CONCLUDING THOUGHT

NEHEMIAH AND DANIEL DID MIGHTY EXPLOITS FOR THE LORD BECAUSE AT AN EARLY AGE THEY DEVELOPED A CONSISTENT PRAYER LIFE. THEY KNEW THEIR GOD. IT IS NOT TOO LATE FOR YOU TODAY, BEGIN TO SEEK THE LORD THROUGH PRAYER AND HE WILL REWARD YOU WITH AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIMSELF.