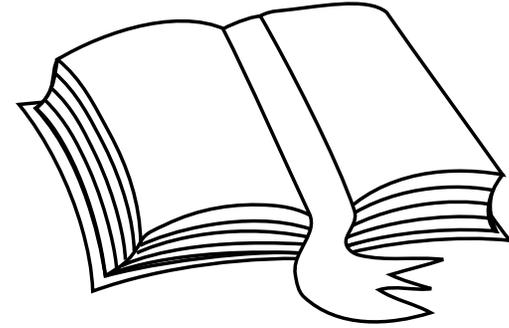


NOTES



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SECTION I. Introduction

- A. In your country, what would you say is the goal of life for most people?
- B. Do you think this an appropriate goal? Why or why not?
- C. If you could have any one wish, what would it be?

SECTION II. David's Wish

David was the second king of Israel. He wrote many of the Psalms in the Bible. Read Psalm 27:4 and describe David's wish.

- A. What was David's one wish?
- B. What do you think he meant by *the house of the Lord* and *his temple*?
- C. What was David seeking (searching for)?

- D. Read Psalm 23:6. In this Psalm, what does David say God will give him?

SECTION III. Jesus' visit with Mary and Martha

Once Jesus was traveling and He stopped at the home of two sisters, Mary and Martha. Read Luke 10:38-42 and describe the scene.

- A. Why was Martha upset with Mary? What did she want Mary to do?
- B. If you had been Martha, do you think you would have felt the same way? Why or why not?
- C. Reread Luke 10:41-42. Did Jesus agree with Martha? What did He tell her not to do?
- D. What was the one thing that Mary had chosen?

SECTION IV. Worrying

Read Matthew 6:25-33.

- A. What are some things you are worried about right now?
- B. What are some things Jesus tells us not to worry about? (verse 25)
- C. Why does He say that we are not to worry about them? (verse 32)

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SECTION I.

The three introduction questions help participants zero in on what is important in life in their culture, and in their own lives. While many people's wishes in life are the same the world over, there are differences in cultures. Some people may well disagree with the predominant values in their own culture. The questions also allow for identifying specific differences in the values of the people in the group.

SECTION II.

At the time of King David no Jewish Temple existed. David wanted to build a temple for the Lord, but God told him that he should not do that. David's son, Solomon, would be the one who would do that. The center of worship at that time was the tabernacle or tent of Jehovah. The tent held the ark of the covenant. Because the Israelites were a nomadic people, the tabernacle was moved often before David became king. In David's time, it was set up in Jerusalem. God had given specific instructions for what the tabernacle should look like and what should be in it. One of the things it held was the ark of the covenant, an oblong box which held the tablets of stone on which the Ten Commandments were written.

SECTION III.

In the Jewish culture hospitality was very important, and the proper treatment of guests and the proper food were the work of the host or hostess. Martha was very concerned that Jesus be treated properly and that everything was done for His comfort. Mary's behavior was probably unusual under the circumstances.

patience	ability to bear long waiting
faithfulness	being loyal
gentleness	considerate, kind
self-control	able to control one's own behavior

D. Can you think of an example in your life when you were worried about something and God helped you stop worrying? How did that happen?

SECTION V. What are we to be concerned about?
Reread Matthew 6:33.

A. What does Jesus say we should be concerned about?

B. Based on the following verses what do you think He meant by the words, *His Kingdom*?

1. Read Romans 14:17.

2. Read 1 Corinthians 4:20.

C. If we concentrate on Jesus and His message, as Mary did, according to the following verses what will the result be on our lives?

1. Read John 14:27.

2. Read Galatians 5:22-23a.

D. What are some ways that we can stop worrying and concentrate on what Jesus says is important in our lives?

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VOCABULARY**

Psalm 27:4

seek	to try to find or discover something
gaze	to look at something with attention
temple	a building where the Jewish people worshiped God-the center of Jewish religious life

Psalm 23

mercy	kind and compassionate treatment of someone by a person in authority
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Luke 10:38-42

village	a small group of houses in a rural area
upset	distressed, disturbed
worry	to be overly concerned or anxious
fuss	to be extremely concerned or bothered about something that is not important
choice	the act of choosing or selecting between different things

Matthew 6:25-33

harvest	gathering a crop from the fields
gather	to bring together

barn	a large farm building used to protect animals or store farm products
spin yarn	to form thread or yarn by drawing out and twisting fibers such as cotton or wool
Solomon	very wealthy and handsome king
majesty	greatness and power
incinerator	a structure in which people burn things such as trash
concerned	worried
kingdom	heaven
approval	the act of thinking (and often saying) that what was done was good, or that a person is thought of favorably
provided	given

Romans 14:17

consists of	to be made up of, composed of
Holy Spirit	God, third person of the triune God

John 14:27

cowardly	acting like a coward, a person who shows improper fear of danger or pain
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Galatians 5:22

spiritual nature	not physical, not mental, but pertaining to God
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