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Devotional Digest
(Week 10)

CoViD-19

As CoViD-19 persists, it is our duty to join God in His mission even in the confines of our homes, by strengthening the family, interceding for one another, and seeing His glory through the times.

CICC's OIKOS Ministry hopes that through this weekly devotional digest, we share this post to fellow CICC-ers to read and discuss together in our homes as one body and in one Spirit.

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AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

Some things produce change.
But nothing results in a more radical
transformation than an encounter with
Jesus Christ, the Son of God!

The Lord and Savior shared Himself and
His love to all sorts of people in their own life
situation. From His example, we learn how
we may expand our circle of witness.



DAY 1

JESUS & A RELIGIOUS PERSON

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up...”

READINGS:

John 3:1-21; 1 Peter 1:18-20

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. Describe Nicodemus and the setting of his encounter with Christ?
2. What was Christ’s challenge to Nicodemus? How did He answer Nicodemus’ questions?
3. How might we interact with religious people who are seeking God, especially during anxious moments?

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, Son of Man, like Nicodemus, I put on a cloak of religion to pass for being good enough. Perform a miracle in my life so that I may be born anew. I am powerless and helpless. You are God! In your gracious name, Amen.



DAY 2

JESUS & A POLYGAMOUS WOMAN

“If you knew the gift of God... you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”

READINGS:

John 4:7-29; Eph. 2:14-18

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. What was unique about Jesus' encounter with this woman who had multiple men in her life?
2. How did Christ proceed to tell her about Himself?
3. How may we as believers begin to share the gospel with those who are very different from us in race and ethnicity?

PRAYER: Messiah Jesus, only You understand the deep issues of my life. Make me drink living waters that springs to life eternal. Then empower me to reach those unlike my own ethnic origin, as You did a Samaritan. In Your loving name, Amen.



DAY 3

JESUS & A CLOSELY-KNIT FAMILY

“But only a few things are necessary... for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.”

READINGS:

Luke 10:38-42; John 11:17-35

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. How do you think the home visits of Jesus affected the lives of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus?
2. Describe the miracle Christ performed for Lazarus? How did the sisters react?
3. What do you think Christ meant to the 3 siblings? How might we make Him the center of our families?

PRAYER: Loving Lord Jesus, You've entered my life, and nothing is ever the same again. You've brought light and life when all was darkness and death in me. You're the best Lover of my life. Take the central place of my heart. In Your wonderful name, Amen.



DAY 4

JESUS & A DESPISED MAN

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

READINGS:

Luke 19:1-10; Eph. 5:8-14

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. Describe the type of person Zaccheus was. Why do you suppose he was eager to see who Jesus was?
2. How did Zaccheus' encounter with Christ change him?
3. Share what changes in character, values, and perspective the Lord has brought into your life since you became His follower.

PRAYER: Seeking and saving Lord Jesus, You came seeking me out from a crowd of other people. Why You choose me, I may never understand. Your grace is more beautiful than I can imagine. Only Your grace has changed me. In Your precious name, Amen.



DAY 5

JESUS & THE EXCLUDED CHILDREN

“Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

READINGS:

Matthew 18:1-5; Mark 10:13-16

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. Why do you think did the disciples prevent the children to come to Jesus? How did Christ show His love for children?
2. What are the qualities of a child’s faith that Christ said we must heed and have?
3. How can we show sensitivity and kindness to children at such moments of heightened anxiety?

PRAYER: King Jesus, how you show Your tender love for children! How they exhibit the only way into your kingdom--an attitude of humility! O teach me, dear Lord, to learn, yes, even from children. In Your glorious and majestic name, Amen.

