



TLC Study Guide for March 11th, 2018

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Theme: With all the ups and downs of life, having someone you know will be by your side through it all is a tremendous blessing. As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to be part of such a community – to care for each other and to “rejoice with those who rejoice [and] weep with those who weep” (Romans 12:15). Ultimately, this means of caring for one another reflects God’s care for us in Christ. His promises remain true wherever we are in life, and He is “with us always, even to the end of the age.”

Getting Started:

1. Do you have someone who has been with you throughout some of the highs and lows of life? How have they reflected God’s care to you?
2. What do you think are some of the biggest obstacles to “being there for someone?” See Galatians 5:25-26 for one possible reason. How might we prevent some of these things?

In the Word: Mark 3:13-19

3. As we care for others, it can be easy to become prideful of our service. Reading Mark 3:13-15 though, who initiates and empowers this service? Discuss how we might better remember this in our interactions with others.
4. In verse 14-15, Jesus gives several reasons for calling the disciples. Which do you think is the most important one for the disciples and their ministry? How are we similar?
5. Without being refreshed, instructed, and empowered by Jesus, *everything* else we do will be warped. Discuss what our care, preaching, authority, and other programs and opportunities for ministry might look like when we are not rooted in God’s care for us.

In the Word: Read Galatians 6:1-10

6. In verse 2 Paul encourages us to “bear one another’s burdens.” What does it look like to do this, and what sort of burdens might these be? Physical? Emotional? Spiritual?
7. In verse 2 Paul tells that bearing one another’s burdens “fulfills the law of Christ.” In Galatians 3:24 and Romans 10:4 however, Paul effectively states that Christ “is the end of the law.” What does Paul mean by the law of Christ then? (Hint: See John 15:12). Why is this important to remember when helping others?
8. Sometimes in a long-term relationship, conflicts occur and correction is needed, as Paul alludes to in 6:1. Paul encourages us to do this in a spirit of gentleness and humility (see also Ephesians 4:1-7), but this can be difficult to do by our own power. Where do we get the strength and perspective to “bear one another’s burdens?”
9. Read verses 3-5. How does our opinion of ourselves shape our conduct toward others, and toward our relationship with God? How does an honest examination of our own life help correct such pride?

Putting the Pieces Together

10. How do the previous weeks’ themes (God’s care, praying, and discipling) contribute to our care for others? Do these things require us to have all the answers?

Prayer: Thank God for the people through whom God cares for you, and for the opportunities God gives you to care for others. Prayerfully request that God would make Our Savior a place known for God’s care for us and our care for others. Ask Him to guide you as you seek to show His love and care to your neighbors, so that the light of His Son would shine through us, His Church.

Next Week: Next week is week is 1st Communion Sunday for many of our confirmands, meaning that we’ll be looking at Jesus’ teaching on the Lord’s Supper where He gives us His very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and salvation. Each week we gather for the Lord’s Supper we participate in the Feast of Victory, and what a marvelous victory it is that our Savior has won for us!