

Strong Tower Bible Study

Agenda

Lesson: Fall in Love with Jesus

Time 6:00pm -7:30pm

Topic: James and John (Sons of Thunder)

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Scripture text: Matthew 4:21; “²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, (10:2; 17:1)

Mark 1:19, “¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. (1: 29; 3:17; 5:37; 9:2; 10:35; 41; 13:3; 14:33).

Luke 5:10; “¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” (6:14; 8:51; 9:28; 54)

Acts 1:13 “¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. (12;2)

New Vocabulary:

Boanerges -Son’s of Thunder. Both James and John had similar spirits Jesus nicknamed them.

“¹⁷ James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means “sons of thunder”), Mark 3:17

Things to know:

- James and John were brothers
- Their father was Zebedee a business owner
- Zebedee was a man of social influence.
- Both brothers were disciples of Jesus.
- Zebedee was a God-fearing man.
- Their mother's name was Salome.
- James and John worked in partnership with their father.
- James' life came to an untimely end.
- John was the younger brother of James.
- John-“Whom Jehovah loves”
- Their mother was at the cross and went to anoint the body of Jesus with sweet spices.
- James was part of Jesus' inner circle.
- John was entrusted to care for the mother of Jesus.
- John wrote the gospel of John, first and second John and the book of Revelation.

Character traits in John:

His natural energy- Mark 3:17

His intolerance- Mark 9:38

He could be vindictive- Luke 9:54

He could be ambitious- Mark 10:35-37

His eagerness to learn- John 13:23; 1John 2:9

He displayed sympathy- John 19:26

His love- 1John 4:7-21

Discussion Questions:

1. What can we tell from James' internal needs despite him having a father of influence?
2. How did James feel about his brother? How can you tell?
3. James didn't seek fame, power or a great name What did he seek?
4. What can we tell about the brother's upbringing? And work ethics?
5. Can we see some of John's character traits within ourselves? Which ones?
How can we bring them to Jesus?
6. If you were James, how would you support your brother?
7. Who do you listen to when you are in your own way?
8. How has walking with Jesus drawn your attention to your own character development?
9. What have you learned about the 12 disciples?
10. What can you share with others to encourage them to Walk with Jesus?

Faith in Action:

- Submit your Character, Conduct, and Conversation to Jesus daily.
- Represent Jesus at work by: Not complaining, not participating in workplace gossip, be responsible for your workload, Pause and pray during the day, Encourage others.
- Set an alarm on your phone to pray at a set time and protect that time.
- Reach out to a loved one and invite them to Worship with you or pray with them.
- Take a moment to sit quietly before God, listen to Him speak to your heart (Rest)

-Make time to be available to witness to someone about the Love of God and the forgiveness that comes through receiving Christ as Lord and Savior.

Scripture Application:

Psalm 34:5-How do we “look” to the Lord?

Romans 12:11-How can we stay fervent in the Lord?

John 4:24-How are we to worship God?

Luke 12:35-How are Christians to dress daily (Ephesians 6:14-17)

Closing Prayer: