

The Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ  
“Examples & Stories”

Homework review:

- John Chapter 14: What time period was this in Jesus’ life? What was he telling the disciples?
- WWJD means... ???

“Finding your way and the light switch experiment”

Last week we did the “light switch experiment” and discussed how much effort was given to turn on the light (pretty easy). Barry and Becca turned on the the light to make it easy to see, for them and all of us.

When they were blindfolded and had to find there way back to their seat, did you notice what they did? Held there hands out in front so they wouldn’t bump into any obstacles. What happened in their journey? Did you notice the class – all were laughing at their blinded antics along the way. Finally, once they reached their seat – we all cheered, and smiles came upon their face and the blindfolds were off and they could see. They achieved a comfort place – their seat! NOW Barry, had a different challenge with the band on his feet making it hard for him to walk, plus we rearranged his chair making it more difficult for him to find his seat. Didn’t you find yourself silently cheering for him to find his way? And with all his bumps and clumsy antics in his journey, he finally found his seat (we were pulling for Barry).

Well... that’s the way it is as we find our way to know more about Jesus Christ, who he is, how does he provide us guidance to make us feel comfortable (love). We are going to experience challenges in our life. Jesus Christ is the light in our life and through his teaching, he will show us the way. As we grow in our relationship in studying about Jesus Christ will only make us better in our relationships with God and each other. It’s easy to accept Jesus Christ in your life (just as easy as turning on the switch). As we learn the stories of Jesus Christ and his teachings, he will show us the way when adversity presents itself. And when we succeed (reach a comfort place) in our journey, the joy we fill knowing that the love of Jesus Christ is in us and with us all the way.

**Through faith in Jesus Christ, son of God, he is the light and the way!**

...props & kudos to go Barry & Becca! Great Job!

Were there other things you noticed during the experiment?

- Have you ever had something tough going on in your life? Or, have you ever lost something? Who was there to help? How did your faith help you? ....discussion!

Jesus said, *“Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”* *“Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”* Matthew 7:24, John 13:17

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Remember the rules (or law), LOVE GOD & LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR? Jesus teaches the GREATEST COMMANDMENT, Matthew 22:28 – 31 (page 1034 READ) How does “love” work? Paul tells us in Romans 12: 9 – 21 (page 1219, READ) and Romans 10:4 – 13 (page 1216, READ) (Richard will tell you more about how that works in February)

John tells us about Jesus’ teachings in the Gospel as he is teaching to the Jews, John 8: 31 -32 (page 1134, READ)

John also tells us more as Jesus told a story to the Pharisees, John 10, 1 – 18 (page 1136, READ)

What is a parable? (hint, page 1424)

Jesus taught in stories, better for the people to understand his teachings, for example:

**The Mustard Seed** – READ Matthew 13:31 – 32

What is Jesus saying about the Kingdom of Heaven?

**The Sheep and Goats** – READ Matthew 25:31 – 46 (page 1038)

Do you want to be a sheep or a goat? Why and How?

HOMEWORK:

- 1) Watch a Reality TV show and report back to the class. Be ready to discuss the show and events occurred. Was it real? Could you relate? What interested you most?
- 2) Go to page 1391 and pick your favorite parable (get parents to help). Be prepared to share it in class. Also, write a short parable that is similar to the one you picked (using modern day examples). Turn it in with your name on it! **YOU WILL BE GRADED ON IT.** (just kidding, not really... but serious, get'r done)