

WHATS YOUR STORY? Week 2

Life Group Notes



CONNECT QUESTIONS

What is your all-time favourite song – sing a few lines from the chorus and see if your group can guess what it is.

What is the best way to eat a timtam?

Micah 6:8 ^{NKJV} says: “He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you. But to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” What does this verse say to you?

This Sunday we had three amazing testimonies from Eli and Jared. If you missed out on hearing their stories, you can listen to these on our website (www.wn.elim.org.nz).

Eli shared about his decision to follow Jesus – he said he discovered a true love that had no conditions, no expectations, and no disappointments. This is close to the picture of “Father God” – how would you describe the Father’s love towards you?

Eli then talked about the way his life has been impacted through following Jesus – in particular, his role as father to two. How would you say your life has been impacted by following Jesus? What have been the most significant changes?

Jared shared his story about meeting Jesus – it came about through Christian friends consistently inviting him along to church – and whenever they were together, they were able to answer any questions Jared had. How prepared do you think you are to invite friends to church, and to give answers to any questions they may have?

Ric spoke about fatherhood – it takes courage! He gave us some keys to being effective from **Micah 6:8**:

1. We keep doing what is right
2. We love mercy
3. We walk humbly with our God

Check out **John 5:19**. To keep doing what is right takes consistency, commitment and endurance. How do you think we can keep doing what is right without giving up when it gets too hard? How do we keep making good decisions in our relationships, in our working life, and in our time with God? What are some keys to success you have experienced? Are there any areas you are struggling in and would like some advice/support/prayer?

Check out **1 Corinthians 11:1**. Mercy is not always easy to give, especially when we are not feeling particularly merciful. What are some keys to responding appropriately in situations when we feel angry or frustrated? How can we refrain from “losing it” or shouting when we are upset? How do you cope in these situations? What works/doesn’t work for you? Is this an area you would like support/prayer in?

Check out **Proverbs 15:1**. God wants our hearts! True love brings about obedience (not fear). How can we live a daily life reliant on God and His power, rather than trying to do things in our own strength?

PRAYER

Pray for boldness, courage and opportunities to share your story this week 😊

Pray for one another in the areas of discussion where people in your group may need extra prayer or support in their journey.

Pray that we would invite people to church, and be ready to give answers when called upon.