



SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT AND STUDY GUIDE

Sunday, October 16, 2022

Series: Honoring God | We Honor God's Process

Instructions for This Week

1. Take this week to study your Sunday School lesson prior to coming to class.
2. Do the homework assignments throughout this study guide.
3. Bring the study guide along with your answers to class.

See you there!

Key Verses

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean no unto thine own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

What is a process?

A process is a series of actions or steps taken to achieve a particular end. Each (end) result exists because of the process that took place to get to it. If we have results, good or bad, we must look at the actions we took to get those specific results.

For example, if we are cooking and don't like the result of the dish, we must examine the

steps and/or actions we took that resulted in the dish. Did we leave a key ingredient out? Did we skip a step? We must examine every aspect of the process we followed to determine why we didn't have good success with the product.

Assignment: What is a process you followed and had good success?

Answer:

God's Process

Through God's process, as outlined in His Word, there is a series of actions and steps that we are to take in order to achieve a particular end – which is the good success we have talked about in previous lessons (**Joshua 1:8**). **Jeremiah 29:11** says, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." We have been discussing Honoring God and we know that the only way to have the "good" success in our lives is to be transformed through His power and principles – and to honor His process.

We can't shorten the process. Every "ingredient" in the process is key to us reaching our divine destiny in Jesus Christ, thereby having good success!

Why do we honor God's process?

We honor God's process because we esteem Him the highest above all else! God cares for us and has plans for us. There is no greater process than His process for our lives. His process is perfect. We honor God's process because of what He has done for us. He gave us the Church as a life system. He gave us life and breath. It is only through Him that we live and move and have our being!

Acts 17:28

For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

Assignment: Why do we honor God's process?

Answer:

God's Process for Good Success

1. Get Saved.

Honoring God's process starts by giving our life to Him through salvation.

When we say "Get Saved", we mean demonstrate one's love and honoring God by bringing one's life into alignment with His will and His Word. To do this, you must accept Jesus Christ into your heart as your Lord and Savior. Jesus Christ died on the Cross so you could have access to eternal life through Him.

The process of salvation is outlined in **Romans 10:9**. It reads "if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Salvation starts a new beginning in your life; it's the initial step of God's process and we must honor it! Be confident in knowing that God has forgiven you, forgotten your past mistakes and has granted you full access to His everlasting love and abundant life.

Assignment: Write out Romans 10:9.

Answer:

2. Get Baptized.

After salvation, baptism is an important next step in honoring God's process as it pertains to your relationship with Jesus.

Water baptism is a time of celebration and public declaration of new life in Christ. Baptism

is a public declaration that you are a follower of Jesus Christ; you are beginning a changed life in Christ; and you are part of a new family.

3. Commit to Church.

Making a commitment to church is honoring God's process. Your commitment to your local church is critical to your Christian walk and sustaining your relationship with Christ. The local church is a "Life System" structured to empower you spiritually as well as nurture and develop you to be successful in this life and prepare you for life eternal.

For the Christian, the local church provides times of worship, a venue to hear the Word of God as it is taught by our Senior Pastors, Christian counsel, a place to serve, an opportunity to support a higher cause and fellowship with the people of God. It is important as a Christian to get in a pattern of coming to church and getting connected. Your obedience, attendance and personal accountability in Christ and for the Church will strengthen and stabilize you.

4. Connect and Grow.

Honoring God's process is about making spiritual growth a commitment and a priority. God's plan is for us to grow strong, become mature, and become a greater asset for the Kingdom of God. The following practices and patterns will help you grow and become all that God has created you to be:

- Desire Change
- Start Every Day in Prayer
- Attend Worship Services
- Commit to the Church
- Live for Jesus
- Get Involved
- Become a Reach Leader
- Spend Time with God
- Don't Fear Mistakes

- Fellowship
- Obey and Trust God
- Welcome and Receive Correction
- Give Your Burdens to the Lord
- Develop a Sense of Gratitude
- Give

Assignment: Referring to the list above, write the practices and patterns you will commit to implement to grow and become all that God has created you to be.

5. Fellowship.

Fellowship is an important part of our faith and strength in God. Therefore, when we honor fellowship, we honor God's process. God empowers us – when we come together. We make a point to intentionally assemble knowing that godly community makes us stronger, provides encouragement and perpetually reminds us that we are not alone.

And when we gather, physically, Christ promised that His presence would be there.

Matthew 18:20 says, “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

God has given us the gift of fellowship to encourage us in our walk with God and to build lasting relationships on this Christian journey.

6. Reach Others.

When we have a heart for reaching others for Jesus Christ, we honor God's process. We are proactive in our reach! We believe that every member of the Body of Christ, from young children to senior adults has a mandate to reach others for Jesus Christ. We should all be inviting others to church.

As you share the Good News of Jesus and testify of what the Lord has done for you – you

will reach new souls for the Kingdom of God. It is at the church that people can come to Christ and be disciplined and then lead others to do the same.

Assignment: Plan to invite someone to church this week.

Answer: Write the name of the person(s) you will invite to church this week.

7. Get to Work.

Last, but certainly not least, we honor God’s process by serving in our local church! We believe that everyone God connects to Harvest Life Church is here to use their God-given gifts, talents, and abilities to reach others and impact His kingdom.

Assignment: How are you using your gifts, talents, and abilities to reach others and make an impact?

Matthew 5:14-16

⁴Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. ¹⁶Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

How do you know you honor God’s process?

You know you honor God’s process when you respect it, hold wholeheartedly to it, and are obedient to it.

Assignment: Make a commitment to honor God’s process for your life. Respect it. Hold to it. Be obedient to it.