

BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS SEEK THE KING

Hosea 3:5; 1 Chronicles 16:10; Mark 16:6; Colossians 3:1; Deuteronomy 4:29; Psalm 24:6; 63:1; Matthew 6:33; Hebrews 11:6

BIBLE VERSE: LUKE 2:36-37

And there was a prophetess, Anna...She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.

BIG IDEAS

- We seek the King earnestly every day.
- We seek the King through sacrificial worship.
- We seek the King through prayer and fasting.

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 2:36-38

God's people seek the King earnestly. Anna sought the coming King earnestly by committing her life to serve God in the temple. She worshiped the coming King through prayer and fasting, waiting for the Promised Messiah daily. God blessed her and allowed her to see the Promised Messiah in her lifetime.

ADVENT

Advent is a special celebration and contemplation of the coming of Jesus Christ that Christians participate in during the Christmas season. Advent literally means "arrival" or "coming". During Advent season God's people remember and rejoice in Jesus' first coming to save his people from their sins, while at the same time long with anticipation and expectation for his return. Advent centers on Jesus, the saving Son. He alone is the one true King!

**Every student should know that:**

- Jesus is the one and only King.
- Jesus came and is coming again.
- We exist for Jesus.

**Every student should feel:**

- The longing within their soul for the King.
- A dissatisfaction within their soul for things of the world.
- Awe and wonder that the King has come and is coming again.

**Every student should strive to:**

- Spend time each week with their family talking about the King.
- Memorize the Bible Verse each week.
- Tell someone else about the King who came and is coming again.

**Every student should want to:**

- Trust the King in the everyday struggles of life.
- See and seek Jesus more than anything else this Christmas season.
- Tell others who are lost about the good news of the King.

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder what it means to seek the King. We will pray for a heart that earnestly desires the King's coming and we will practice worshiping the King in prayer and fasting.



Read and meditate on Luke 2:22-38 this week. As you meditate on these verses, ask yourself these questions:

- How often do I long for the King's coming?
- Do I seek the King in my daily life?
- How can I seek the King in prayer this week?
- How can I fast and pray for the King this week?

Consider the things that distract you from seeking the King earnestly. Ask yourself these questions:

- What are some attitudes or behaviors that keep me distracted from seeking the King?
- How can I use my time better so that I seek the King daily like Anna did?
- What are some activities that help me seek the King earnestly?



Think about a time when you could fast and pray this week.

- Perhaps you can set your alarm and get up thirty minutes earlier than usual or you can skip breakfast or lunch and spend that time in prayer. Talk with your parents about a way that you could spend time in prayer and fasting this week. When you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to help you seek the King in your daily life.

Spend time in prayer with your parent or small group leader.

- As you pray together, ask the Holy Spirit to give you a heart that earnestly desires to know the King and see His coming.



Make a list of things that you love and enjoy every day.

- Next, choose one or two of the things to give up for a day. Choose something that you would miss if you didn't have it or do that activity. The idea is to give up something and replace it with prayer.
- Discuss with your small group leader ways you can grow in your desire to see the King. Talk through some Scriptures you can memorize or ways you can direct your thoughts to the coming of the King in a way that you desire to see Him more and more.