

# THAT WE MAY GROW

Study for the week of September 1, 2019

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## Opening Prayer

Ask God to be present with you and to open our hearts to His Word.

## Message Moment

What part of the message this week did you find most relevant?

## Ice Breaker

What was/is the seating at your family dinner table?

## Studying the Word

Psalms – Psalm 112

What does it mean to “fear the Lord”?

What are some characteristics of a “righteous” person?

Is there someone in your life you consider to be righteous?

Where are you on the righteous scale?

Assuming we want to be righteous...What is something you should/could work on in your path toward righteousness?

Why do the “righteous” annoy the “wicked”?

Do you see current examples of this?

Gospel – Luke 14:1, 7-14

If we are to understand this parable, where are we to sit?

Why is this an important message for Jesus?

Why is this an important message for us?

How/why do we sometimes get hung-up on who gets to sit where and why?

What do we learn about guest lists from the second parable?

Are you mindful of your reciprocity expectations when hosting?

How does this relate to giving in general?

What are some things we can do to be joyful in giving without expectations?

New Testament – Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

What strikes you as you read this list of services pleasing to God?

What is most important? (v. 1)

Consider verse 6 – How have you grown in your faith so that you have the confidence to say this? What are some lessons you learned along the way?

Consider verse 7 – Sometimes we leave the discipling (and praying) to our pastors. How does this verse challenge us in our discipleship?

## Music Suggestions

“I Will Call Upon the Lord”

## Closing Prayer Prompts

Prayer Journal

Pray for the weak and vulnerable.

Thankfulness for the examples of righteous believers in our life.

Encouragement for humility.