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71. Okusinza **Yesu n'omukazi omuSamaliya** **(Yokaana 4:4-26)**

Mpegano Yesu yali alin'okubitira mu Samaliya. Olwekyo yatuuka mukibuga eky'omuSamaliya ekyetebwa Sikali, ekirinaine eitaka Yakobo lye yawa mutabaniwe Yusufu. Ensulo ya Yakobo yalimu, era Yesu eyali akooye olw'olugendo lwe yali atambuire, yatyama okumpi n'ensulo eno. Dhaali sawa nga mukaaga.

Omukazi omuSamaliya bwe yaidha okusena amaadhi, Yesu yaamukoba nti “Mpaaku amaadhi nnweeku.” (Abayigirizwa ba Yesu baali bajjiire mukibuga okugula emmere.) Omukazi omuSamaliya yaakoba Yesu nti, “Iwe oli muYudaaya ate nze ndi mukazi muSamaliya. Onsaba otya amaadhi okunwa?” (Kubanga abaYudaaya nga tibatabagana n'abaSamaliya.)

Yesu yaairamu omukazi omuSamaliya yaamukoba nti, “Buli omuntu anwa amaadhi gano aidhakwiramu okuwulira enhonta, aye buli anwa amaadhi nze gemmuwa talirayo kuwulira nnhonta. Mumazima, amaadhi gempu omuntu gaidhakufuuka mu ye ensulo yaamadhi agakulukuta okutukira irala kubulamu obutawaawo.” Omukazi yaakoba nti “Sebbo, mpa amaadhi gano ndobe kuba na nnhoota era ndekeraawo okwidhanga wano okusena amaadhi.”

Yesu yaamukoba nti “Gya oyete balo mwidhe naye wano.” Omukazi yamwiramu yaamukoba nti, “Nze nzira musaadha.” Yesu yaamukoba nti, “Oli mutuufu bw'okoba nti ozira musaadha. Amazima gali nti waakaba n'abasaadha bataanu ekitegeeza waakabaira enfunda itaanu era omusadha gw'olinaye buti tibalo. Kyewaakogera kituufu inho.”

Omukazi yaakoba nti, “ Sebbo nsobola okubona nti oli Nabbi. Badhadha baife baasinzanga kulusozi luno, aye imwe abayudaya mukoba nti ekifo we tulina okuja okusinza kiri mu Yerusalemi.”

Yesu yaamukoba nti, “Mukazi iwe ikiriza byendikukoba nti ekiseera kirikwidha wemunasinzizanga Katonda nga tikulusozi era nga ti Yerusalemi. Imwe abaSamaliya mwesinza byemutaidhi; iffe tusinza kyetwiidhi kubanga obulokozi buva mubayudaya. Atenga ekiseera kirikwidha era buti kituuse abasinza abatuufu baidhakusinza Isseife mumwoyo nimumazima kubanga abo n'ekika ky'abasinza Iseife baanoonia.

Omukazi yaakoba nti, “Ndidhi ekyo Masia (gwe beeta Kurisito) alikwidha, bw’alidha alitwiinhonhola buli kintu.”

Awooni Yesu yaakoba nti “Nze alikwogera niiwe ninze Ye”

Study Questions: Okusinza **Yesu n'omukazi omuSamaliya** **(Yokaana 4:4-26)**

Introduction:

Worship is often confused with the first 15-30 minutes of a Sunday service when the congregation joins together in a time of singing and praising the Lord. However, worship is much more, worship is a lifestyle. It not only consists of raising our voices in praise to God, but also revolves around any other facet of our relationship with him, our interaction with those around us, and the way we live our lives on a day to day basis. Worship is the dedication of everything in our lives unto the Lord in which we direct all of the attention in all circumstances unto Him. With this in mind, we must watch our life more closely as everything in our life is to be bringing honor and glory to God, as we complete the work that He has put in front of us to do! (John 17:4) Therefore, in whatever we do, may we do it all unto the Lord as an act of worship unto Him.

Goals:

Knowledge - To understand that worship isn't a periodical part of our life, but rather a lifestyle for us to adopt and live by; To recognize the importance to bring glory and honor to the Lord in everything we do in our lives.

Attitude - To humble ourselves unto the Lord where we no longer seek to receive the honor and glory from things from our lives but rather adopt a new attitude through the Holy Spirit where we point people to God.

Actions - To live our lives for the Lord in every facet of our lives: in our relationship with Him, with others, and in our day to day tasks and ambitions.

Memory Verse:

Hebrews 10:25 "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage on another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Colossians 3:15-17 "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do,

whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Scriptures for your study:

Hebrews 10:19-25; Acts 2:42-48; Psalm 150; Ephesians 5:19-22; John 4:23-24; Acts 16:13-33; Colossians 3:12-17

Questions about the Story:

1. Where was Jesus at on his journey as he stopped by Jacob’s well in Sychar? (Verses 4-6: Jesus was in Samaria on his way traveling through.)
2. Why did Jesus stop by the well as he was on his journey? (Verse 6: He stopped by the well along the way because he was tired.)
3. What did Jesus ask the Samaritan woman when she came to the well to draw water? (Verse 7: Jesus asked the Samaritan woman who came to the well if she could give him a drink.)
4. What was the woman’s response to Jesus’ question for a drink of water? (Verse 9: She noted the difference between her and Jesus, primarily that she was a Samaritan woman and that he was a Jewish man. Thus, she was puzzled how could he ask her for a drink.)
5. Why was there a distinction that was made between the backgrounds of the Jew versus the Samaritan? (Verse 9: There was a distinction that the woman made as the Jews did not associate with the Samaritans.)
6. What does Jesus tell the woman that he has and could give to her if she would have asked? (Verse 10: Jesus tells the woman that he would have given her living water if she should have asked for it.)
7. What did Jesus tell the woman about the water she would draw from the well? (Verse 13: Jesus told the woman that if anyone drank the water from the well, they would indeed be thirsty again.)
8. How does Jesus describe this living water that he would give? (Verse 14: Jesus told the woman that whoever drank of the living water would never be thirsty again and that it would become a spring welling up to eternal life.)
9. What was Jesus’ response to the woman when she asked him for some of the living water so she wouldn’t have to keep coming to the well in order to draw water? (Verses 15-16: Jesus told her to go and call her husband and come back.)
10. What does Jesus say to the woman to show her who He is when she replies saying that she has no husband? (Verses 17-

18: Jesus said to the woman that she was right in saying that she had no husband as she had five previously and the man she was now with was not her husband.)

11. What does Jesus tell the woman regarding worship? (Verse 21: Jesus was saying that a time would come where they would no longer worship on a mountain or in a select place, but that the true worshipers of God would worship the Father in spirit and in truth.)
12. Why must the worshipers of God worship in spirit and in truth? (Verses 23-24: The worshipers of God must worship in spirit and in truth for God is spirit, and those are the kind of worshipers that the Father seeks.)
13. What did Jesus tell the Samaritan woman about his identity when she said that she knew that the Messiah was coming? (Verse 26: Jesus declared to her that he was the Messiah that was to come.)

Discussion Questions:

1. What were some of the cultural taboos that Jesus was breaking by talking to the Samaritan woman? (Verse 9) [Not only was Jesus talking to the Samaritan as a man to a woman which was uncommon but also that Jesus was a Jew talking to a Samaritan, who was normally viewed as an outsider.]
2. How does Jesus choose to relate with someone from a very different background than His? (Verses 7-14) [Jesus chooses to relate to the Samaritan woman by using very normal and common things around him (ie. Water) to express the truths of God and the kingdom of heaven.]
3. What does he offer to the Samaritan woman? (Verses 10, 14) [Jesus explains to the woman that He is able to offer to her living water that would spring up to eternal life.]
4. Who are some of those around you in your life that you need to be reaching out to? How can you seek to effectively communicate to them?
5. Who is worship to include? Should there be any distinctions or discriminations? (Verse 9) [Worship is something that should include man and woman from every race or background as it Christ we are all apart of one body.]
6. What reasons do we have to worship the Lord God? (Verses 13-19) [We have many reasons to worship and praise the Lord God, primarily for our salvation (eternal life), and also for His character, that He is a God is that All-Knowing, All-Powerful, and Everywhere-Present.]

7. Does it matter which place that we go to meet? Why? (Verse 21) [The place does not matter as God is Spirit and is not confined by temples made by human hands but rather is Omnipresent and thus may be everywhere praised and worshipped.]
8. What reason does Jesus give us in this passage of why we should praise and adore Him? (Verse 26) [As Jesus plainly stated that He was the Messiah who was to come, we can worship and adore Him as the One who has come to save us from our sins.]

72. Omusomo gwabaibuli **(Ebikolwa 11:19-26 & Lukka 24:13-32)**

Ebikolwa 11 Ekanisa esasanie

Mpegano abo abasasaine olw'okuboniaboniazebwa okwaliwo ku Sitefaano baatambula bajja paka Foyiniiki ne Kupulo ne Antiyokiya ngabajja bwe babulira ekigambo eri abaYudaya bonka. Aye waaliwo abamu kubo, abasadha abaava Kupola ni Kuleene abaja Antiyokiya baatandika okwogera n'abayonani bona, nga bwe babakobera amawulire amalungi ku mukama waife Yesu. Omukono gwa mukama gwaali nabo era abantu bangi baikiriza era baira eri Mukama.

Ekigambo ekyo kyawulirwa okutuuka mu matu g'ekanisa ya Yerusalemi era baatuma Balunaba okujja Antiyokiya. Bwe yatuuka, yabona ekisa kya Katonda yaasannuka era yaabagumya nti mumazima banweere ku Mukama n'emyoyo gyaibwe gyonagyona. Yali musadha mulungi, era nga aidhwire omwooyo omutukuvu n'okwikiriza era abantu bangi baira eri Mukama waife.

Awooni Balunaba yaaja Taluso okunoonya Saulo. Bwe yamubona, yamuleeta Antiyokiya. N'olwekyo okumala omwaka mulamba Balunaba ni Saulo baajanga mu kanisa era basomesa abantu bangi inho. Abayigirizwa bayetebwa abakurisitayo omulundi ogwasookera irala mu Antiyokiya.

Lukka 24

Mpegano olunaku lulala olwo babiri kubo baali balikuja mu kyaalo kyebeeta Emawo, ekyaali nga mairo musanvu okuva eYerusalemi. Baali nga balikwogera beene nabeene ku buli kintu ekyaali kibaairewo. Bwebaali nga balikwogera beene nabeene era nga balikunumya beene nabeene ku bintu bino, Yesu mweene yaidha yeb'egaitaku era yaatambula nabo, aye waire nga yabegaitako tibasobola kumubona oba n'okumutegeera.

Yababuza nti "Mulikuteesaaki beene na beene nga eno bwemutambula?"

Bwe baawulira ebigambo ebyo bayemerera era nga baawoteire. Mulala kubo nga erinalye bamwetta Kulyopa yaabuza Yesu nti, "Oli mugenhi bugenhi eYerusalemi era olweekyo toidhi biki ebibaire birikubaawo eyo eYerasalemi, mu nnaku dhino?"

Yesu yaababuza nti, "Bintu ki?"

Bamwiramu baamukoba nti, “Ebigema ku Yesu omuNazaaleesi. Yali nabbi nga w’amaanhi inho mukigambo ni mubikolwa bye yakolanga mu maiso ga Katonda ni maiso gaabantu bonabona. Bakabona abakulu n’abafuzi baife bamuwaayo yaasalirwa omusango gw’okwitibwa era baamukomerera ku musalaba. Aye twaali tusuubiire nti ni yali aja okununula Isirairi. Era n’okusingaku awo luno lunaku lwakusatu bukya ebintu bino bibaawo.

Okwo kwogaita nti abamu kubakazi ab’ewaife batwewuunisa leero kunkyo inho bawuunie baaja ku magombe. Aye tibagainayo mulambo, baidye baatukoba nti babwoine okwolesebwa kwa bamalaika, abakobye nti aliwo mulamu. Male abamu kubanhaiffe bajjire kumagombe era baagagaana nga galinga abakazi bwe baakobye era nga Ye tibamubwoine.

Yaabakoba nti “Muli basiru batya era emitima gyaimwe migayavu gitya okwikiriza ebyo byona byona banabbi bye bayogeranga. Kurisito tiyamala kubonabwonyezebwa ebintu bino male aingire mukitibwa kye?” Nga atandiika ni Nabbi Musa ni banabbi bonabona abandi yabainhonhola ebyakobebwa mu byawandikibwa byonabyona nga, bwe bimugemaku.

Bwe basemberera ekyaalo yebaali balikujja Yesu yaabanga ye bw’akeyongerayo.

Aye bamuwaliriza nga bakoba nti “Ba wano niffe, kubanga obwiire bunatera okuziba olunaku lunaatera okuwaaku.” Olw’ekyo yaaingira okuba nabo.

Awooni bwe yali nabo ku mmeza nga bajja okulya, yatoola omugaati y’ebaza, yaagumenamenamu, male yaagubawa. Awooni amaiso gaibwe gaazibuka baamutegeera era yabuliraawo nga tibabaamubonaku.

B’ebuzaganya nga bakoba nti, “Emitima gyaiffé gibaire tigkeitimwiike munda bw’abaire nga alikwojera niife kuluguudo era yaatubikulira ebyawandikibwa?”

Study Questions: Omusomo gwabaibuli **(Ebikowla 11:19-26 & Lukka 24:13-32)**

Introduction:

The Word of God, which we have been entrusted with for our spiritual growth and training often is abandoned and degraded in our lives as believers. In our day to day walk through life, we as Christians often seem to find many other things that occupy our time, energy and focus throughout the day besides the things of God. In response to these various factors, we begin to attempt to rely on our own wisdom and counsel for life instead of looking for the Word of God to be influencing us continually and shedding light on our life's circumstances. However, we find that the counsel and wisdom of the world is limited and often is "sin/self-motivated", which ultimately leads to an eventual failure if brought to fruition. The Bible on the other hand, is the very Words of God, not subjected to error and without defect. His Words never fade away and are unchanging in their accuracy and applicability throughout time. Therefore, it is essential for us as Christians to be diligent in studying the Word of God and allowing it to be a "lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path" (Psalm 119:105)

Goals:

Knowledge - To understand that the Word of God serves to be our mirror, curb, and guide for life--- as it shows us our sin and need for God; keeps us on the road we are to walk in; and leads us along the way to a relationship with Jesus Christ! To realize that without diligent study of the Bible and application of it, we are lost and forsaking the very avenue God most frequently chooses to communicate to us.

Attitude - To develop a heart that sees God's Word as daily bread and that we would hunger for.

Actions - To set aside priority time to spend with God and to meditate on His Word and His will for our lives

Memory Verses:

Psalm 119:9-11 "How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

Matthew 4:4 "Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Scriptures for your study:

Acts 17:11; Joshua 1:8; Psalm 119:9-11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 42:1; Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-12; Hebrews 4:12

Questions about the Story:

Acts 11

1. Why were believers traveling as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch? (Verse 19: The Christians were scattering as a result of the persecution in connection with Stephen.)
2. What were the believers doing as they were sent out scattered because of the persecution? (Verse 19: They were telling the message of Jesus Christ.)
3. Who were the receivers of the message that was going out from the believers that had traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch? (Verse 19: The Jews were the recipients of the message going out from the believers)
4. What was different about the men from Cyprus and Cyrene? (Verse 20: They went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus.)
5. Whose hand was with the men from Cyprus and Cyrene who went to Antioch? (Verse 21: The Lord's hand was with them)
6. What was a result of the Lord's hand supporting the men in Antioch? (Verse 21: A Great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.)
7. Where did the news of this reach to and what was the response of those who heard about it? (Verse 22: News of the work in Antioch reached the church at Jerusalem and they sent Barnabas to Antioch)
8. What did Barnabas witness in Antioch when he arrived there? (Verse 23: He saw the evidence of the grace of God)
9. In Barnabas' observations, what did he encourage the people with as he left? (Verse 23: He encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.)
10. How is the character of Barnabas described? (Verse 24: He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith)
11. What was a result of Barnabas' presence in Antioch and His encouragement to the people there? (Verse 24: A great number of people were brought to the Lord.)
12. Why did Barnabas go to look for Saul? (Verses 25-26: To bring him back to Antioch to help in the ministry)
13. What did Barnabas and Saul do in Antioch & how long did they stay there? (Verse 26: For the course of a whole year,

Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people.)

14. What first happened at Antioch? (Verse 26: The believers were first called Christians at Antioch.)

Luke 24

1. What were the two followers of Jesus doing as they were walking to the village called Emmaus? (Verses 13-14: They were talking with each other about everything that had happened [ie. Regarding Jesus' Death].)
2. What happened as they were talking and discussing everything that had happened? (Verse 15: Jesus himself came up and walked along with them.)
3. Why didn't these two followers of Jesus recognize Him? (Verse 16: They didn't notice Jesus as they were kept from recognizing Him.)
4. What did Jesus ask the two men as He joined them? (Verse 17: 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?')
5. What was their physical response to Jesus' question? (Verse 17: They stood still & their faces were downcast.)
6. What is the only thing that Cleopas can think of that would explain why the stranger [ie. Jesus] wouldn't know what was going on in those days? (Verse 18: Cleopas assumes that Jesus is only a visitor to Jerusalem and isn't familiar with what has been happening.)
7. How does Cleopas describe Jesus? (Verse 19: He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people.)
8. What did Cleopas say they had hoped about Jesus? (Verse 21: That Jesus would be the one who was going to redeem Israel)
9. What was the amazing thing that Cleopas tells Jesus that had happened that day? (Verses 22-24: Some of their women and their companions went to the tomb and found that it was empty and that the women had seen a vision of angels who said that Jesus was alive.)
10. What was Jesus' response to the two men walking to Emmaus? (Verse 25: "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?")
11. What did Jesus proceed to do with them beginning with Moses and all the Prophets? (Verse 27: He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself.)

12. What did Jesus do when they approached the village to which they were going? (Verse 28: Jesus acted as if He were going farther.)
13. Why did Jesus finally go in to stay with them? (Verse 29: They urged Him strongly, saying that it was nearly evening.)
14. What happened while they were at the table and Jesus took the bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them? (Verse 31: Their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, but He disappeared from their sight.)
15. What was their response to each other after Jesus disappeared from before them? (Verse 32: They realized that their hearts had been burning within them as Jesus had talked with them and opened the Scriptures with them.)

Discussion Questions:

1. In what situations should we be in the Word of God and sharing it with other people? (Acts 11:19-20; Luke 24:27) [Any situation should be a time to be in the Word of God and share it with others. Whether you are walking down the road or in an unfamiliar land, the Word of God is applicable in all circumstances.]
2. When hardships come, in what ways can we use them to the glory of God? (Acts 11:19-21) [We can use the hardships to point people to Jesus Christ and the love of God as we seek His face and place our trust in Him during the hard times.]
3. Who is the message of the Lord supposed to be sent out to? (Acts 11:19-21) [The message of the Lord is for all men, Jews and Greek. Whatever your background is, you need to know Jesus and have a personal relationship with Him.]
4. Whose power do we need to make sure we are going out in? (Acts 11:21) [As Christians, we need to make sure that we are going out in the power of the Lord as in ourselves we are weak and frail.]
5. When a person becomes a Christian, and there is a change or a turning point in their life by accepting Christ, what should be the observation of those around them? (Acts 11:22, 26) [The change should be evident to those around you so that they are the ones that call you Christian (Christ like) by your actions rather than by your profession.]
6. Can people tell that you have been changed and that God has turned you around? What do they see in your life?
7. In what ways can we be remaining true to the Lord with all of our heart? (Acts 11:23) [We remain true to the Lord by being

committed to His Word and making the time for the Lord every day.]

8. What does it mean to be full of the Holy Spirit? [That the Holy Spirit is living inside of you and working through you for the sake of His glory.]
9. What is essential to have alongside us in the ministry as we go forward? (Acts 11:25-26) [It is essential to have someone who is working with you in the ministry to encourage you along the way in the task ahead.]
10. Do you have eyes to see Jesus working around you in your life? How do we come to recognize Jesus more and more? (Luke 24:32) [We come to recognize Jesus more and more by being in the Word of God and coming to know the nature of Christ.]
11. Who does Scripture point to, both from the Old and New Testament? (Acts 11:27) [The Scriptures point to Jesus; both the Old Testament pointing forward and now the New Testament that points back at]

73. Okusaba

Esala ya Katonda n'esaala ya Dawudi (Matayo 6:5-15 & Zabuli 54)

Matayo 6:5-15

Era bw'osabanga otaba nga banafunsi, kubanga benda inho okusaba nga bemereire mu bifo ebikunganirwamu, n'okwemerera kumbali w'enguudo abantu bababone. Nkukobera amazima nti bamaze okufuna empeera yaibwe mubwiidhuvu. Aye bw'osabanga ingiranga mu kisengekyo, oigalewo olwigi osabe Lata, ataboneka. Male Lata abona ebikolebwa mukyama, alibawa empeera. Era bw'osabanga otairaganangamu bigambo nga abatali baikiriza bwe bakola, kubanga balowooza nti abantu baidhakubawulira olw'ebigambo byaibwe ebingi. Mutaba nga bo kubanga iseimwe aidhi kye mwetaaga nga mukaali nakumusaba.

N'olwekyo musabenga muti:

“Isseife ali mwigulu, eriina lyo litukuzibwe.

Obwakabakabwo bwidhe, byoyenda bikolebwe muni nga bwelikolebwa mwiigulu. Leero otuwe emmere yaife eyaleero. Tusoniwe amabandha gaife nga tweena bwetusoniwe b'etubandha.

Otatutwaala mukukemebwa aye tutoole mumubi.”

Kubanga bwemunaasoniwanga abantu ababakoze ebibi iseimwe ali mwigulu yena aidhakubasoniwa. Aye singa timusoniwa bantu bibi byaibwe ni isseimwe tasoniwenga bibi byaimwe.

Zabuli 54

Omukulu wa b'embu. N'ebiyuma ebriku waya. Masukiri ya Dawudi Abazifu bwe baajaa baakoba Sawulo nti, "Dawudi tiyekwese mwife?"

Ndokola, ai Katonda, n'erinha lyo; onsalire omusango mu maanhigo.

Wulira okusaba kwange, ai Katonda, wuliriza ebigambo mu kanwa kange.

Abanamawanga balikunnumba; abasaadha abatafaayo kulumya bantu, benda kumalawo bulamu bwange- abasadha abatafaayo ku Katonda.

Mumazima Katonda n'annamba nze; Mukama n'abeezawo obulamubwange.

Ekibi kakinweeze abo abandhogeraku ebikyamu mumazimago bazikirize.

Ndhakusaadaaka saadaaka ey'omwoyo ogw'emirembe ngikuwe.
Ndhakutenderezanga erinhalyo, ai Mukama, kubanga irungi inho.

Kubanga antwoire mubizibu byange ebingi einho era amaiso galaga
obuwanguzi mubalabe bange.

Study Questions: Okusaba

Esaala ya Katonda n'esaala ya Dawudi

(Matayo 6:5-15 & Psalm 54)

Introduction:

Prayer is an essential part of the believer's life as it serves as our mode of communication to God Almighty. Like David, we can call upon the Lord at any time, place, or circumstance and we can know that He hears us and is faithful to us. Even though prayer is not a complex thing, often times we as Christians seem to have a hard time understanding that prayer is simply us talking to God. We try to use big and luxurious words in our prayers to sound important or "worthy" enough to talk with God. However, God just wants us to be in communication with Him as He is our Heavenly Father and we are His sons and daughters. Even the disciples struggled with this concept of prayer and talking to the Heavenly Father as they themselves came to Jesus and asked Him to teach them how to pray. Jesus thus gave them an example of how to pray to serve as a tool and guide for them and also for us as we go to the Lord in prayer.

Goals:

Knowledge - To understand the need for prayer in our life and the direct connection that we have with God through it. To come to realize that as a result of prayer we are able to come before God at any time and in any place to thank Him and bring our needs before Him! To come to understand that we as Christians are to continue in prayer and not give up.

Attitude - To believe that our God is able to do more than we could ever ask or imagine; To have the spirit of faith and confidence in the working of the Lord in relation to our requests that are in line with His perfect will.

Actions: To set aside regular time in our daily life for prayer and communal with God; To come before the Lord in earnest prayer knowing that He hears us and that He rewards those that seek Him.

Memory Verses:

Matthew 7:7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Scriptures for your study:

Jeremiah 33:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; James 5:14-22; Hebrews 11:6;
Matthew 7:7-11; Matthew 21:20-22; Luke 18:1-5;
1 Chronicles 7:14; Ephesians 3:20; James 4:1-3

Questions about the Story:

Matthew 6

1. When we pray, why are we not to be like the hypocrites? (Verse 5: We are not to be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men.)
2. How are we supposed to pray? (Verse 6: We are to go into our room and close the door, as we pray to our Father who is unseen.)
3. What is the differentiation between the reward of the hypocrite and the man of prayer that Jesus describes in reference to the reward received? (Verses 5-6: The hypocrites have received their reward as everyone has seen them in prayer in full view, where the man of prayer that Jesus describes will receive his reward from his Heavenly Father)
4. Why are we not to keep on babbling on in our prayers like the pagans? (Verses 7-8: We are not to be men and women of babbling prayers as our Father in Heaven already knows what we need before we ask Him.)
5. What are the main topics covered in the Lord's Prayer that Jesus gives as an outline and guide for His disciples? (Verses 9-13: Hallowing the name of God, Acknowledging His kingdom and will to be superior, Our daily needs, Forgiveness, and for the Protection of the Lord for our lives.)
6. How are we to address the Lord God in our prayers? What difference should this make in the life of the believer in how we look at our relationship with God (Verse 9: We should address the Lord God as our Father. This should reveal to the believer the intimate bond that we have in our relationship with the Lord and His desire to be intricately apart of our lives and there for us in every time of need.
7. What is the very first petition in the prayer that the Lord gives to His disciples? Why is this significant? (Verse 9: "Hallowed be Your Name" is the first petition in the Lord's prayer which shows us the need and the importance of first and foremostly praising the name of the Lord in our prayer)

8. What is the second petition in the prayer that the Lord gives to His disciples? Why is this significant? (Verse 10: The second petition is asking for the will of the Father to be done on earth as it is in heaven. This is significant for us as believers as we are not to be looking for our own desires and personal ambitions to be accomplished in this life, but rather we are to be looking for the Lord's will to be done as His knowledge of what is good and needed far surpasses what we could imagine or plan in and of ourselves)
9. What is the third petition in the prayer that the Lord gives to His disciples? Why is this significant? (Verse 11: The third petition is "Give us today our daily bread" with the significance being that as believers we have the ability to come before the Lord God Almighty to present our requests to Him and ask Him to provide for us. We aren't to be self-reliant but rather God-reliant)
10. What is the fourth petition in the prayer that the Lord gives to His disciples? Why is this significant? (Verse 12: The fourth petition is asking for the Lord to forgive us our debts [sins], which is important and significant as it helps us realize our true position before the Lord as sinful human beings as we are acknowledging our sin. While this is meant to humble us it also at the same time helps us keep our eyes ever fixed on God Almighty to be the all-powerful One that takes away the sins of the world)
11. What is the fifth petition in the prayer that the Lord gives to His disciples? Why is this significant? (Verse 13: The fifth petition is asking the Lord not to lead us into temptation. This is very essential for the life of the believer as it reminds us of our combat against sin and how prevalent we are to fall into sin from the temptations around us. Ultimately it guides us to look to the Lord to lead us in the ways of righteousness and protect us from the temptations of the world that continually surround us.)
12. What is the sixth petition in the prayer that the Lord gives to His disciples? Why is this significant? (Verse 13: The sixth petition is asking the Lord to deliver us from the evil one, who is the Devil. We ask for the deliverance of the Lord as we realize the power of our adversary and that in our own strength we are unable to defeat him, however, with the Lord we have nothing to fear)
13. What is the warning Jesus gives in closing regarding the forgiveness of the sins? (Verses 14-15: If we forgive the sin of

those around us, we will be forgiven by God, however, if we do not forgive men their sins, we will not be forgiven.)

Psalm 54

1. What are the different petitions that David calls out to the Lord for? (Verses 1-2: David calls out to the Lord for salvation, for vindication, and for the Lord to hear and listen to him)
2. By what does David acknowledge that he is saved? (Verse 1: David acknowledges that he is saved by the name of the Lord)
3. What are the characteristics and attributes that David recognizes in his prayer to the Lord? (Verses 1, 4-7: David acknowledges that the Lord is a God of might, a God who helps and sustains, a faithful God, a God who is good, and a God who delivers)
4. What situation is David in where he is calling out to the Lord? (Verse 3: David is in a place of despair with stranger attacking him and seeking to take his life)
5. What does David tell the Lord that he will do? (Verse 6: David prays to the Lord telling Him that he will praise the name of the Lord and sacrifice a offering to Him)

Discussion Questions:

1. To where do you call and look to for your strength and protection? Do you look to the Lord, or to those around you?
2. Do you take time to call upon the Lord in all circumstances, or just when you are having troubles?
3. When we pray, what caution do we need to take? (Matthew 6:5-8) [We need to be careful that when we are praying to God that we do so not in a prideful way, looking to draw attention to us or be admired by our lengthy prayers, but rather we are to pray earnestly and come before God in reverence.]
4. What time do you have for yourself to come before the Lord in prayer? What priority should prayer have in your life?
5. What is the significance of a Christian addressing the Lord God as Father in our prayers? (Matthew 6:9) [By the Lord Jesus showing us that we can call the Lord God Father as we call to Him in prayer teaches us that God is a God who is personal and who wants to have a close relationship with us.]
6. Why is it important that we hallow the name of the Lord primarily? (Matthew 6:9) [By hallowing the name of the Lord first in prayer, we come to see our position in correlation to His and come to realize more and more how we have no need to worry or fret in life. As we acknowledge how powerful the

Lord is, this also brings confidence when we do ask the Lord for things, knowing that He is able to do all things that we would ask Him.]

7. Why do we need the will of the Lord to be done instead of our own will? (Matthew 6:10) [As sinful human beings, we need the will of the Lord to be done first and foremostly in our lives as without the will of the Lord done, we would go astray and choose our way according to our corrupt nature. However, with the will of the Lord coming to earth, we see that the Lord is the recipient of the glory in each and every situation]
8. What is the meaning of “give us this day our daily bread?” (Matthew 6:11) [When we ask the Lord to give us our daily bread for the day, not only does this mean our daily food, but also our daily needs and provisions for the day]
9. How do we see the love of the Lord in the sense that He allows us to bring our needs and requests before Him? (Matthew 6:11) [By being able to bring our requests before the Lord, we see the love of the Lord as He cares and desires to hear and provide for even the small day to day things in our life]
10. Why is so important for our day to day life to make sure that we have forgiven those around us that have sinned against us? (Matthew 6:14-15) [As a result of our sinful nature, sin is a part of our daily life that must be brought before the Lord in repentance, thus, we must make sure that our hearts are right with those around us as we are going to the Lord in prayer every day for forgiveness.]
11. How does the structure of your prayers correlate with the Lord’s Prayer?
12. With whom should we pray? (Matthew 6:6, Acts 12:5) [We should spend time both in prayer both alone with the Lord and in prayer with fellow believers.]
13. What situations are impossible for God to answer in prayer? Why? (Acts 12:6-12) [No situation is too difficult for the Lord to answer and work in, for He is the All-Powerful God who has created the universe and sustains all things.]
14. What is your response when you see God answering prayer in your life?
15. What should be our response be when we see God answering our prayers? (Acts 12:17) [When we see God answering our prayers, we should respond in faith and adoration of God’s goodness and mercy and pass the word on to those around us.]

16. In prayer, what should we do besides ask for things that the Lord could give or show us? (Psalm 53) [Not only should we ask the Lord for His power and might to be displayed, but we should also praise for it and thank Him for His faithfulness and for the things that we have seen Him do in our lives.]

74. Danyeri mu Babulooni (Danyeri 1:1-20)

Mu mwaka ogw'okusatu mu kufuga kwa Yekoyakimu Kabaka wa Yuda, Nebukaduneza kabaka wa Babulooni yaidha eYerusalemu yagizingiza. Era Mukama Katonda yaawayo Yekoyakimu kabaka wa Yuda mu mikono gya Nebukaduneza era yaawayo n'ebimu ku bintu ebyaali mu Yekaalu ya Katonda. Bino ebintu Nebukaduneza yabitwaala mwisabo lya kakatondake mu Babulooni yaabita mwiganika ly'ennumba ya kakatondake.

Awooni kabaka yaalagira Asupenaazi, eyali akulira abakungu ab'okuntiko, okwingiza abamu kubaana abasiraeri abava mumaka g'obwakabaka n'abakungu. Abavubuka abaziraku bulema ababoneka obulungi eranga baboneka okuba n'obwongo obwoogi mukwega, nga beevu bulungi, nga baangu mukutegeera ebiriwo era nga basaaniiire okuwereza mu lubiri lwa kabaka. Yali nga aja kubasomesa olulimi n'ebyawandikibwa ebya Babulooni. Kabaka yalagira okubawanga buli lunaku omuwendo gwe yagera ogw'emmere n'omwenge nga babitoola kubyakabaka. Baali baakutendekebwa okumala emyaka esatu, era oluvainuma lw'ekyo baali baakutandika okukolera kabaka.

Mubo mwalimu abaava Yuda: Danyeri, Kananiya Misayeri ni Azaliya. Omukulu wa bakungu n'okubawa amaina amayaka: Danyeri yamutuuma lya Berutasaza; Kananiya yaamutuuma lya Sadulaaki; Misayeri yaamutuuma lya Mesaki; ni Azaliya yaamutuuma lya Abeduneeyo.

Aye Danyeri yasalawo obut'eyonona na mmere ya kabaka era n'omwenge gwa kabaka era n'olwekyo yasaba omukulu w'abakungu amuwe olukusa alobe kweyonona mungeri eno. Buti Katonda yali akoze omukungu okuba nti alaga Danyeri okwendakwe n'okusasirakwe. Aye omukungu ono yakoba nti, "Ntya mukama wange kabaka eyalagira okubawa byemunaalyanga nibyemunaanwanga. Lwaki nga ababona nti imwe timuboneka bulungi nga banaimwe bale abandi bwemwenkanya emyaka? Awo nga asobola okuntolaaku omutwe kulwaiwe."

Male Danyeri yaakoba omukuumi, omukulu wabakungu gwe yali alonze okuba ni baDanyeri, Kananiya, Misayeri ni Azaliya nti, "Nkusaba otugezese iffe abaweerezabo okumala ennaku ikumi; otatuwa kintu kyonakya kyakulya okutolaku tuwenga eiva tulye n'amaadhi tunwe byonka. Omale otugerageranye engeri ye tunaafananamu naabo

abavubuka abalyanga emmere ya kabaka era oluvainuma otubise okusinzira ku mboneka ya buliomu.” Kino omukungu yakiikiriza era yaabagezesa okumala ennaku ikumi.

Oluvainuma lw'ennaku ikumi okuwaaku baDanyeri ab'atalyanga mmere ya kabaka baaboneka bulungi era nga baboneka nti babaire balisibwa bulungi okusinga abavubuka abalyanga emmere n'okunwa omwenge ebyali ebyakabaka. Olwekyo omukuumi yalekeraawo okubawa emmere n'omwenge, kabaka bye lagira okubawanga yaatandiika bwakubawanga iva okulya n'amaadhi okunwanga byonka.

Aye abavubuka abo abana Katonda yabawa okumanha n'okutegeera ebika byonabyona mubyawandikibwa era n'okwega. Era Danyeri nga asobola okutegeera okwolesebwa n'ebirooto ebyabulikika.

Oluvainuma lw'ekiseera aky'emyaka esatu, kabaka gyeyali abawaire okuwaaku, omukulu waabakungu yabatwaala ewa kabaka Nebukaduneza. Kabaka Nebukaduneza y'ayogera nabo era yaabona nti wazira muntu yenayena eyali ab'enkana amagezi n'okumanha era n'olwekyo baatandiika okuwereza kabaka mu buli kintu kyonakyo ekyagemanga ku magezi n'okutegeera kabaka kyeyababuuzangaku. Era yaakibona nti baali basinga, emirundi ikumi, abasawo n'abafumo bonabona mu bwakabakabwe.

Study Questions: Danyeri mu Babulooni **(Danyeri 1:1-20)**

Introduction:

Spiritual discipline is the mark of a great man or woman of God as it consists of a desire for a life modeled after the Lord and that is living for Him and not for this world. However, spiritual discipline and not something that our sinful nature looks at in a positive light as it includes at times such things as pain, sacrifice, and self-control. At times it also includes standing up for what you know to be right and true amidst pressures to conform to the world and its raging trends. For Daniel and his friends (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego), we see an example of spiritual discipline as they decided that instead of conforming to the world and what they were assigned to do, that they would live in accordance with that they knew God wanted instead.

Goals:

Knowledge - To understand that God is the one that gives us a spirit of self control and that ultimately we need to be looking to Him for our strength to fight the battles; To realize that sometimes when we stand for the Lord and what is right, we may be standing alone.

Attitude - To commit your life to the Lord and to wherever He may lead us; To have a love for truth and integrity.

Actions - To live in self-control and in self discipline even in times when it would be easy to go along with the crowd and the desires of our flesh. To look to the Lord to empower us and lead us in our lives instead of looking to the world.

Memory Verses:

Titus 2:11-12 "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age"

Scriptures for your study:

Hebrews 11:24-26; Galatians 5:22-23; James 1:2-4; Proverbs 25:28; 2 Timothy 1:7; Titus 2:2, 6; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Genesis 39:1-12; Titus 2:11-14

Questions about the Story:

1. What happened in the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim in the land of Judah? (Verse 1: Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.)
2. Who delivered Jehoiakim and the articles of the temple of God into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar? (Verse 2: The Lord delivered these into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.)
3. Where did Nebuchadnezzar place the articles from the temple of God? (Verse 2: He carried them off and placed them in the temple of his god in Babylonia.)
4. What kind of people were taken captive and brought to Babylonia as captives? (Verses 3-4: Young men from the royal family and nobility who were without physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace.)
5. What did the king have in mind to teach the young men he was going to bring with him to Babylon? (Verse 4: Nebuchadnezzar was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians.)
6. How long were the young men to be trained for? (Verse 5: They were to be trained for three years.)
7. While they were in their time of studying, what action did the king take to provide for them? (Verse 5: The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from his table.)
8. What happened to four of the men from Judah as they entered into the training of the king? (Verses 6-7: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were all given new Babylonian names.)
9. What was Daniel's response toward the food that was allocated to him from the king's table? (Verse 8: Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and asked for permission from the chief official not to defile himself with it.)
10. What spirit did the official have toward Daniel? Why? (Verse 9: The chief official showed favor and sympathy to Daniel. This sympathy of the chief official came as the result of the Lord causing it in his heart)
11. Why was the official afraid to allow Daniel to refuse the food from the king's table? (Verse 10: The official was frightened about allowing Daniel to refuse the king's food)

because if Daniel was looking worse than the other men, the king would kill the chief official.)

12. What was it that Daniel asked the guard who had been appointed over them? (Verses 11-12: Daniel asked the guard for nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink for ten days.)
13. How does Daniel show respect in his asking of the guard the request to only be on a diet of vegetables and water? (Verse 12: Daniel prefaces his request with asking politely and saying “please” and Daniel also acknowledges his place as their “servants”.)
14. What was the test that Daniel proposed to the guard and what was their response? (Verses 12-14: Daniel asked the guard to test them for ten days giving them only vegetables and water and then to compare their appearance with the other young men who ate the royal food, to which the guard agreed to do.)
15. What was the appearance of Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah after the end of the ten days? (Verse 15: They looked healthier and better nourished than any of the other young men.)
16. What was the response of the guard after seeing the results of the test? (Verse 16: The guard took away their choice food and the wine that they were given to drink and gave them vegetables instead.)
17. What was God give to these four young men? (Verse 17: God gave them knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning.)
18. What special gift did God give to Daniel? (Verse 17: Daniel was able to understand visions and dreams of many kinds.)
19. What did the king find when he examined Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah? (Verses 18-19: The king found none equal to them.)
20. How much better were these four men then all the other magicians and enchanters in the kingdom of the king? (Verse 20: They were found to be ten times better than all of the others.)

Discussion Questions:

1. Why does the Lord, at times, allow bad things to happen in our lives? (Verses 1-2) [At times, the Lord allows bad/hard things to happen in our lives so that it will grow our dependency on Him and because He has a plan to work

through those things in order to bring more glory to His name]

2. Can we be safe and secure by just having the things of God around us in our lives? (Verses 1-2) [It is not having the things of God around us that make us secure, (such as Jehoiakim had the articles in the temple of the Lord), but it is our relationship with the Lord Himself, and in His presence that we can and must rest secure.]
3. What is our response when the things of this world are offered to us for us to partake and to find our pleasure in?
4. What are some of the things that you need to be showing self-control in?
5. What dedication do we as Christians need to have against the temptations of this world? (Verse 8) [We should have a resolve and a commitment to stand by the things of God without compromising.]
6. Where is God amidst all of the things that happen to us in this life? (Verses 9, 17) [God is right with us, working in and through the situations that we are going through and giving us wisdom and understanding to know how to respond at the right time.]
7. Are you willing to stick up for something that you know to be true and right?
8. How can you show God's love towards those around you in the world even if they are living a different lifestyle than you are? (Verse 12) [By showing respect, dignity, and compassion to those around us, we can shine and radiate the love of God to those in the world around us.]
9. How did God show His faithfulness to Daniel throughout his time of training in Babylon? (Verses 15-20) [At the end of their time of testing, Daniel and his friends were healthier and better nourished than all of the rest and were given wisdom from God and favor with men. This was all a response of God's faithfulness to them in their lives.]
10. How have you seen God show His faithfulness to you in your day to day life?
11. How do others see you when they look at your life? Do they see God doing a work in your life?

75. Okugonza abomumakago
Ebigambo bya Yesu ngaali ku musulaba eri Malyamu
n'omwana eyabula
(Yokaana 19:25-27 & Lukka 15:11-32)

Yokaana 19

Awo okumpi n'omusalaba gwa Yesu, waali wayemereirewo maamawe, ni muganda wa maamawe, ni Malyamu, muka Kuloopa ni Malyamu Magadaleene. Yesu bwe yabona maama we nga ayemereire awo okumpi n'omuyigirizwa we gwe yayendanga einho, yaakoba maamawe nti, "Omukyala omwagalwa wuuyo omwanawo," ate yaakyukira omuyigirizwawe yaamukoba nti, "Wuuyo maamawo." Okuva awo omuyigirizwa yaatwaala maama wa Yesu eka.

Luuka 15

Yesu yaja mumaiso yaakoba nti, "Waaliwo omuntu eyali ni batabanibe babiri. Omuto yakoba baabawe nti, 'Baaba nze mpa omugabo gwange gw'olina okumpa kubyobugaigabyo.' Awooni isseibwe yaabagabira ebyobugaigabwe bye yali alin'okubawa.

“Awooni nga wabisewo akaseera katono oyo omwaana omuto yaagema ebintu bye byeyali agabaine yaatambula yaaja muni ey'ewala einho. Eyooni yaayonoonayonoono eby'obugaigabye bye yafuna okuva eri isse. Oluvainuma lw'okumalawo eby'obugaigabye byona byona endhala ey'amanhi einho yagwa muni omwo era awo yaatandiika okuwulira obw'etaavu obunene. Olw'ekyo yajaa eri omutaka mulala ow'omuni eyo, eyamupangisa yaamuwa omulimo yaamutwaala mu kiralo kye okulisanga embindhidhe. Yatuuka n'okwegomba okulya ebikutta embidhi dhe byaali dhirikulya aye nga wazira muntu yenayana alikumuwa akantu konakona okulya.

“Aye bwe yatandika okwiramumu amagezi yalooza yaakoba nti, "Baabawange nga alinaabakozi abamukolera era nga balya baiguta n'emmere baalekaawo aye nze ndiwano ndikufa ndhala. Ndhakuva wano njee ndhireyo ewa latawange mukobe nti: Baaba, nnhonhoine eri eigulu n'eri iwe. Tikagwaana kwetebwa mutabaniwo. Mpa omulimo mbe nga abawerezaabo.' Awooni yayemerera yaatandika okutambula okujaa ewa baabawe.

“Aye bwe yali nga akaali kutuuka nga akaali wala, isse yaamulengera, yaamusasira, era awooni yaalumuka yaaja eri mutabaiwe yamugwa mu kifuba yaamunwegera.

“Omwana yaakoba isse nti, 'Baaba, nnhonhoine eri eigulu n'eri iwe,

Tikaagwana kwetebwa mwanawo.’ Aye isse yaakoba abawerezabe nti, ‘Amangu n'embiro mujee muleete olugoye olusinga obulungi mumwambaze mumute n'empeta ku mukonogwe, era mumwambaze n'engaito mubigerebye, era muleete n'enhaha ensava mugisale mugiite, tulye, tusagambe era tusanhuke kubanga omwana ono yali afiire aye wauyo azukiire era aizemu okuba omulamu. Yali abuze aye wuuno aboneike.’ Awooni baatandika okusagamba.

“Aye mutabani we omukulu yali akaali mwisamba. Aye bwe yairayo eka, yali nga ali kumpi kutuuka yaawulira okwemba n'okukina. Olwekyo yayeta mulala ku bawereza yamubuuzi ekyali kirikuja mumaiso. Omuwerezza yamwiramu yaamukoba nti, ‘Mugandawo aidye era isseimwe amwitiire enhaha ensava kubanga aize nga mulamu aziraku mutawana gwonagwona.’

“Omwana omukulu yasunguwala era yaaloba okwingira waka. Olwekyo isse yafuluma kuliya yaajaa yayogera naye. Aye yakoba baabawe nti, ‘Bona emyaka gino gyonagyona mbaire nga nkuwereza era wazira n'olunaku n'olulala lwenadhemera ebiragirobyo. Aye kwebyo byonabyona byenkoze tompangaku waire n'akabuzi akato nkaite nsobole okusagamba ni mikwanogyange. Aye eyayonoona eby'obugaigabyo nga abiwa bamalaya bwaize waka omwitiire enhaha ensava era mulikusagamba.’

“Baabawe yairamu yaamukoba nti, ‘Mwana wange iwe bulikiseera obanga ninze era buli kyenninakyo kyonakyoona kikyo. Aye tubaire nga tulin'okusagamba era n'okusanhuka kubanga mugandawo ono yali afiire aye buti azukiire, yali abuze aye buti aboneike.’”

Study Questions: Okugonza abomumakago
Ebigambo bya Yesu ngaali ku musulaba eri Malyamu
n'omwana eyabula
(Yokaana 19:25-27 & Lukka 15:11-32)

Introduction:

For all of us in some way, shape or form God has delegated us a family to watch over and to have watch over us. In each of the families we may be in or apart of, there is a certain aspect of responsibility that each of us need to have as we interact with our family. Whether we are filling the need of participation and following the leadership that is already in place, or if we are supporting those around us, each of us fill a role in caring for/assisting our family. At times, caring for our family even means caring for them when they do wrong to us, forgiving them when they have gone astray, and showing them Christ's love. However, while caring for and watching over your family is always important and essential, making sure that our heart is right with the Lord must still take precedent over all things in our life. Even though we love our family dearly, we mustn't allow it to become an idol that takes place over the Lord God.

Goals:

Knowledge - To realize the need to care for and cherish our family as we come to understand that they have been entrusted to us by the Lord Almighty; To understand God's place as our Heavenly Father and His place of utmost reverence and submission in our life; To come to understand the love that God has for us that we would be called children of God.

Attitude - To have the mindset that in serving, providing for, and obeying those in our family structure that God has given us, we are actually honoring God; To see our family as not only as those who we are directly related, but also to see our family as the body of Christ, including are brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Actions - To provide for, respect, and love those of which are apart of our family structure remembering to first honor God as our Heavenly Father; To have forgiveness and grace for members of our family, even when they go astray; To have a love of self-sacrifice.

Memory Verses:

Mark 3:35 "Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Mark 10:29-30 “I tell you the truth,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields – and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life.”

Matthew 6:14 “For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.”

Scriptures for your study:

Ephesians 5:22-6:4; Colossians 3:17-21; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Mark 3:31-35; Mark 10:29-30; Luke 9:57-62; Exodus 20:12

Questions about the Story:

John 19

1. Who was near the cross of Jesus while he hung to die? (Verses 25-26: Near the cross of Christ stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, Mary Magdalene and the disciple whom he loved.)
2. What did Jesus tell to his mother and to the disciple whom he loved? (Verses 26-27: Jesus said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son” and to his disciple, “Here is your mother”.)
3. What was Jesus doing by saying this to his mother and to his disciple? (Verses 26-27: Jesus was given responsibility of caring for his mother over to the disciple whom he loved and was making sure she was taken care of in good hands.)
4. What was the disciple’s action from that time on? (Verse 27: The disciple who Jesus loved (John), took Mary the mother of Jesus into his home.)

Luke 15

1. What did the younger son ask the father for and why? (Verses 12-13: The younger son asked his father for a share of the estate in order that he might leave for another place and run away to spend his money on wild living.)
2. What did he do with his share of the estate? (Verse 13: The son took his inheritance and wasted it.)
3. What caused him to finally be in need? (Verse 14: He had spent all of his money and there was a famine in the land.)
4. What work did the son take to meet his needs amidst his desperation? (Verse 15: The son took a job feeding pigs.)
5. What caused him to come to his senses? (Verses 16-17: The son came to his senses amidst his hunger, as he would desire

- even the food the pigs were eating. He realized that his father's slaves were eating better than he was.)
6. What speech did he prepare to give to his father? (Verses 18-19: The son prepared to repent before his father and ask for the chance to be as one of the hired hands.)
 7. When did the Father see him? (Verse 20: The Father saw the son while he was still a far way off.)
 8. What was the Father's response? Why? (Verses 20-24: The father was filled with compassion and ran to the son, called his servants to bring a robe, a ring, sandals, to kill the fatted calf and to call a celebration feast. The son was "dead" and was alive again, he was lost and had been found.)
 9. What was the older son's response? Why? (Verse 25: The older son asked what was going on and became angry because of the treatment of the younger son. He was so disgusted that he refused to even go in to meet his brother.)
 10. What was the father's answer? (Verses 31-32: We had to welcome him home because he was lost and now is found.)

Discussion Questions:

1. How did Jesus show care for His own mother? (John 19:26-27) [Jesus made sure that there was someone to be there to look after her and provide for her in His absence.]
2. What importance was Jesus placing on His mother? (John 19:26-27) [Jesus was placing a high importance on the well-being of His mother as it was one of the last things He was sure to take care of and say before He died.]
3. What importance and care do you show for your family?
4. How should you be loving and caring for your family? [Your love for your family should be a reflection of Christ's love for us (Sacrificial Love).]
5. Should we only love our family when we are in a situation that makes it easy to love them? [No, we see that Jesus even showed love for His family when He was hanging on the cross and ready to die and the Father runs out to His son even after his son left him]
6. What kind of examples are you setting of love for those around you when they look at your life?
7. When you pray, are you asking for things from selfish motivation?
8. When the Lord has blessed you with things, how have you used them? For His kingdom or for your own?

9. What things does the Lord allow into your life to allow you to see your need of Him?
10. What kind of memory do you have of your father?
11. How does the Lord treat you in being your spiritual Father?
12. What type of prepared speeches have you tried to give to the Lord?
13. When does the Lord see us in our need? (Luke 15:20) [Even while we are far off.]
14. What is the Father's response to you when you come to him in your need? (Luke 15:32) [He runs out to meet you and wraps His arms around you. He celebrates that we were lost and now have been found.]
15. When you see God's undeserved grace on someone else's life, what is your response? (Luke 15:27-28)
16. What would the Father say to you right now regarding where you are at in your life?

76. Okugonza baliranwabo

Omusalaliya omulungi

(Lukka 10:25-37)

Lulala omukugu mubyamateeka yayemerera nga ayenda okugezesa Yesu, yaamubuza nti, “Musomesa nkolengaki okusikira obulamu obutawaawo?”

Yesu yaamuiramu yaamukoba nti, “Kiki ekyawandikibwa mumateeka? Okisoma otya?”

Omusaadha yaairamu yaakoba nti, “Gonzanga Mukama Katondawo n’omutimagwo gwonagwona n’ememeyo yonayona n’amanhigo gonagona, n’amagezigo gonagona era gonzanga muliranwawo nga iwe bwewegonza.”

Yesu yaamukoba nti, “Oizemu bulungi inho. Kola otyo oidhakuba n’obulamu.”

Aye omusaadha yaayendha okulaga nti aidhi kyaaliku, n’okukubuza Yesu nti, “Muliranwawange n’ani?”

Yesu yaairamu yaakoba nti, “Waaliwo omusadha eyali ava e Yerusalemi nga aikirira ajaa e Yeriko, aye yaagwa mu baibi. Bamwambula engoyedhe baamukuba oluvainuma baalumuka baamulekaawo nga abulako katono okufa. Kabona yali alikwiirira mu njira ndala enho, bwe yabona omusaadha ono nga bamukubye bubi inho yaajaa kumbali w’oluguudo yaabitawo yaagolola. N’omuLeevi yeena atyo bwe yakola bwe yabona omusaadha ono yajaa kumbali w’oluguudo yaabitawo yaagolola. Aye omusaadha omuSamaliya eyali nga alikutambula mu njira eno bwe yabona omusaadha ono gwe baali bakubye obubi einho, yaamugemerwa ekisa. Yajaa we yali yaasiba bandeegi kumabwage yaagafukaku amafuta n’omwenge. Male yaata omusaadha ono ku ndogoyiye yaamutwaala mu woteri y’abagenhi, yaamwidhandhaba. Enkeera yatoola dinaali ibiri yaadhiwa mwenhe woteeri era yaamukoba nti, ‘Mwidhandhabe bulungi era bwe nnaaira, ndhakusasula esente dhonadhona edhinaaba dheyongairemu.’”

Awo Yesu yaabuza nti, “Olowooza ku bano abasatu n’ani eyalimuliranwa w’omusaadha ono eyagwa mubaibi?” Omukugu mu byamateeka yaairamu yaakoba nti “Ole eyamugemerwa ekisa.”

Awooni Yesu Yaamukoba nti, “Weena jaa okole otyo.”

Study Questions: Okugonza baliranwabo **Omusamaliya omulungi** **(Lukka 10:25-37)**

Introduction:

The Lord God places a high importance not only on loving Him with our whole heart and devotion, but also on caring for those around us: our neighbors. It is through caring for those around us in our day to day life that we express and show to others the love that God has shown to us! This love doesn't always come easy as at times those around us are hard to love and sometimes even hate us. Thus, a love and care for those around us is a love that comes by choice of doing what we know is right and not always by our desire. Jesus ultimately set us the best example as He willingly gave up His Deity and came to earth in order to serve and love those around Him who at times loved him back, but more often hated Him and ultimately desired to put Him to death. Therefore, as we seek to care for our fellow man, we as Christians should first look to model Christ and His love for those around Him in our lives.

Goals:

Knowledge - To understand that our love for others should come from the wellspring of love that the Lord has lavished on us; To realize that love is a choice and something we decide to implement into our daily life.

Attitude - To have a heart to look for those who are in need of Christ's love and compassion; To develop a mindset to consider others better than ourselves.

Actions - To love and care for those around us no matter their age, size, race, appearance, or background. To show selfless love as we seek to model Christ to those around us.

Memory Verses:

1 John 4:7-9 "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed His love among us: he sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him."

Scriptures for your study:

Matthew 25:35-40; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8; Philippians 2:1-11; 1 John 4:7-19; Romans 5:6-8

Questions about the Story:

1. Why did the expert of the law come to Jesus? (Verse 25: He stood up to test Jesus.)
2. What did the expert of the law ask Jesus? (Verse 25: What must I do to inherit eternal life?)
3. What question did Jesus ask the expert of the law in order to test him in return? (Verse 26: “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” These questions tested the man’s true knowledge of the law.)
4. Where did Jesus point the expert of the law to find the answer to his question? (Verse 26: Jesus asks the man “What is written in the Law?” which pointed him back to the Word of God for His answer.)
5. What was the main concept of the response of the expert of the law? (Verse 27: The expert of the law expressed the need as seen in Scripture to love God with all of who you are and to love your neighbor as yourself.)
6. How does Jesus judge the answer of the expert in the law? (Verse 28: Jesus answers the expert in the law that he had answered correctly.)
7. What did Jesus say would happen if the expert of the law did as he said? (Verse 28: Jesus told him that if he did as he said, that he would live.)
8. Why did the expert of the law ask Jesus who his neighbor was? (Verse 29: He wanted to justify himself.)
9. What happened to the man in the story of Jesus as he went from Jerusalem to Jericho? (Verse 30: He fell into the hands of robbers, which proceeded to strip him of his clothes, and left him beaten and half dead.)
10. Who were the two men that passed by the man left half dead? What prominence did these men have? (Verses 31-32: A priest and Levite passed by the man left half dead. Both of these were religious men with high prominence in society.)
11. In what way did they pass by the injured man? What did this show? (Verses 31-32: They passed him by on the other side of the road, which showed a disassociation with the hurting man and an uncaring spirit)
12. What was the emotional response of the Samaritan when he came to the place where the injured man was? (Verse 33: He took pity on him.)
13. What was the physical response that the Samaritan took for the injured man? How did the Samaritan care for the injured man as he would have cared for himself? (Verse 34: He went

over to him, bandaged his wounds and treated them. The Samaritan also put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him.)

14. What did the Samaritan give the innkeeper and what promise did he give him? (Verse 35: The Samaritan gave the innkeeper two silver coins to take care of the injured man and promised to give him more if he needed it upon his return.)
15. What was Jesus' command when the expert in the law replied that the neighbor to the injured man was the Samaritan who had mercy on him? (Verse 37: Jesus told the man to go and to do likewise.)

Discussion Questions:

1. Similar to the expert of the law, how do we see the desire to “do things” in order to inherit eternal life in our lives?
2. Why do we love those around us? [We love those around us not because it gives us a better place in heaven but because our Heavenly Father has first loved us.]
3. Where do we as Christians need to continue to look to in order to find the example of love? Why? (Verse 26) [We as Christians need to continue to come back to look to the Word of God to provide us with the example of love as it testifies about the love of God that is unchanging and faithful.]
4. How can you be taking the initiative to show love to those around you in your sphere of influences?
5. What is meant by the command for us to “love our neighbor”? Who is our neighbor? (Verses 27, 37) [Our neighbor is any man, woman or child that we come in contact with; our neighbor is our fellow man.]
6. In what ways do we reflect of the love of God to others when we show them love? [When we show love toward others around us that God has placed in our hearts we give them a glimpse of the full love that they could experience in Christ.]
7. Who are some of the people in your life that you “pass by on the other side”?
8. How can our busyness be an avenue to miss opportunities to care for those in need? [Often times we are in such a hurry to get somewhere or get our own things done that we miss the need to care for those who are around us everywhere we turn.]
9. How does our “position” at times affect who we are to help and be involved with? [At times, we look at the position and popularity that we have and think of ourselves more highly

than we ought to and miss the chances to help those around us as we consider it bringing us down from our high positions.]

10. What should be our response when we see someone hurting or in pain? (Verse 33) [We should take pity on them and look to take care of them, treating them as we would treat ourselves.]

77. Okugonza ekanisa
Ekanisa ey'asooka
(Ebikolwa 2:42-47 & Ebikolwa 18:1-11)

Ebikolwa 2

Baali nga beewayo inho okusomesebwa abayigirizwa era nga baisa kirala, nimukumenha emigaati, n'okusaba. Buli omu nga adwiire okutya era n'ebyewunisa bingi, n'obubonero obwamagero bungi byakolebwanga abayigirizwa. Abaikiriza bonabona baali walala eri buli byebakolanga nga bifanana. Eby'obugaiga byaibwe n'ebintu byaibwe baabitunda era esente dhebaafunamu badhigabira abantu nga buliomu kisinzira kubwetavubwe. Buli lunaku baajanga mumaiso okwaganana walala muYekaalu. Baamenhanga emigaati nga bali mumaka gaibwe era nga balya walala n'emyoyo egy'eisanhu era egiziramu bukuusa nga eno bwebatenderezanga Katonda era nga bwebasimibwa abantu bonabona. Era Mukama yayongeranga buli lunaku kubungi bwaibwe abantu abalokokanga.

Ebikolwa 18

Oluvainuma lwebyo Paulo yava Asene yaajaa e Kolinso. Eyo yeyayaganana n'omuYudaaya nga bamweta Akula, eyali yaakava Italy ni mukyalawe gwebaayetanga Pulisila, kubanga Kulwawudayo yali alagiire Abayudaaya bonabona okuva mu Ruumi. Olwekyo Paulo yali ajiire okubabona n'olwokuba nti baali bakola weema nga ye. Yatyama nabo yaakola nabo. Buli lwaSabiiti yajaanga mwikunganiro yaawakanira eyo nga agezaaku okusendasenda abaYudaaya n'abaYonaani.

Aye Siira ni Timossewo bwe bava e Makedoni Paulo ekiseerakye kyonakyoona yaakita mukubulira n'okukobera abaYudaaya nti Yesu yali ni Kurisito. Aye abaYudaaya bwe bawakanya Paulo n'okumuvuma baamuvuma, yakunkumula engoyedhe nga alaga okunhiiga era yaabakoba nti, "Omusaayi gwaimwe gube kumwitwe gyaimwe. Obuvunanizibwa bwange awo webukomye. Okuva leero ndhakujaa mu banamawanga."

Awooni Paulo yaava mwikunganiro yaaja kumpi awo munhumba y'omuntu gwebeeta Tito Yusit, eyasinzanga Katonda. Kurisipo, omukulu w'eisinzizo, n'ab'omumakage bonabona baikiriza mu Mukama, era bangi kubakolinso abawuliranga nga ayogera baikiriza era baabatizibwa.

Olunaku lulala obwiire Mukama Katonda yayogera ni Paulo mu

kwolesebwa yaamukoba nti, "Otatya, jaa mumaiso n'okwogera otasirika, kubanga nze ndi walala niiwe era wazira muntu anaakulumba n'akutusaaku okukulumya kubanga ndi n'abantu bangi mukibuga kino." Olwekyo Paulo yamalawo omwaka mulala n'ekitundu nga abasomesa ekigambo kya Katonda.

Study Questions: Okugonza ekanisa

Ekalisa ey'asooka

(Ebikolwa 2:42-47 & Ebikolwa 18:1-11)

Introduction:

God has instructed us as believers to care for those around us as the body of Christ (John 13:34-35). Through the fulfillment of this command of showing love to our fellow brothers and sisters, we in fact show a reflection of the love that Christ has shown for us. We as one unit should operate in one accord, acknowledging each part of the body to be efficacious and productive to the whole. In this fellowship made up of different people and functions, we must look at ourselves as a part of the whole not only in participation but also in relation to support and encouragement. As a member of the body of Christ, it is our responsibility to help, strengthen, encourage, support, pray for, and build up our fellow brothers and sisters in the Word of the Lord. Therefore, as Christians, we should care for one another as God likewise cares for us.

Goals:

Knowledge - To understand our position in relation to the larger body of Christ; To realize the importance of supporting the physical and spiritual needs of those in our fellowship; To see the church as our family with God as our Heavenly Father.

Attitude - To have a heart that delights in the communion with believers around the world.

Actions - To seek fellowship with other Christians, centered on the Word of God; To nurture one another; To worship the Lord Jesus Christ as a community of believers.

Memory Verses:

1 John 3:17-18 "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has not pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."

John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Scriptures for your study:

Hebrews 10:23-25; Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12; 1 John 3:11-20;
1 John 4:7-21; John 13:34-35

Questions about the Story:

Acts 2

1. Whose teaching was the early church devoted to? (Verse 42: They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching)
2. What else was the early church devoted to? (Verse 42: They were devoted to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.)
3. What was being done by the apostles during that time which brought awe to many of the people? (Verse 43: The apostles performed many wonders and miraculous signs.)
4. What things did the believers share and what was their status in relation to each other? (Verse 44: Everyone was together and had everything in common.)
5. How did they get to the point where everyone was equal and that there were no needs among the believers? (Verse 45: The believers sold their possessions and goods in order to provide for the fellow believers.)
6. How often did the believers come together to meet with each other? (Verse 46: The believers would come together to meet every day.)
7. Where would they come together to meet? (Verse 46: They would come together to meet together in the temple courts.)
8. What was the attitude of the hearts of the members of the churches as they broke bread and ate together? (Verse 46: The believers came together and shared their food with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all people.)
9. How often were new believers being added to the early church? (Verse 47: New people were coming to be added every day.)
10. Who was the one who added daily to the number of the believers? (Verse 47: The Lord was the one that added to the number of the believers.)

Acts 18

1. Who did Paul meet as he arrived in Corinth? (Verses 1-2: Paul met a Jew named Aquila and his wife Priscilla)
2. Why were Aquila and Priscilla in Corinth? (Verse 2: Claudius had ordered for all of the Jews to leave Rome)
3. How did Paul proceed in his friendship with Aquila and Priscilla? (Verses 3-4: Paul went to see them, and because he was a fellow tentmaker, he stayed with them and worked with them)

4. What did Paul find himself doing every Sabbath? (Verse 4: Paul found himself reasoning in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks about the salvation that was theirs in Christ Jesus)
5. What change happened when Silas and Timothy arrived in Corinth from Macedonia? (Verse 5: Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching and testifying about Christ)
6. To what extent were the Jews opposing Paul and his message amongst them? (Verse 6: The Jews were opposing Paul to the extent that they became abusive)
7. What affect did the resistance of the Jews have on the attitude of Paul regarding the ministry among them? (Verse 6: Paul decided that he was going from them on to bring the message to the Gentiles instead of to the Jews)
8. What did the Lord come and speak to Paul about in a vision? (Verse 9: The Lord came and told Paul not to be afraid but rather to keep speaking and not be silent. The Lord promised Paul that He would be with him and that no one would attack and harm Paul because of the many that the Lord had in the city.)
9. How much longer did Paul end up staying in the city to care for the church and teaching them the Word of God? (Verse 11: Paul ended up staying for an additional year and a half in Corinth teaching the Word of the Lord to the people there)

Discussion Questions:

1. As the Christian Church, what do we primarily need to be devoted to in our lives? (Acts 2:42) [As the Church, we need to primarily be devoted to the Word of God and centering around that in our lives.]
2. What is the result when we lose our center on the Word of God in the fellowship we share as the Church? [When we lose our center on the Word of God, we transform into merely a social club that meets for gatherings and fellowship. Thus, with this end result in mind, it is essential for us to keep the fellowship, but more so to keep our center on the Word of God.]
3. How can you be showing love to those who you are directly involved with in your local church but also to those who are in the church abroad?
4. Why is attending a church needed for the believer? [While attending a church doesn't make one a Christian, just as putting a chair in a garage doesn't make it a car, it is

nonetheless essential for the life of a believer in regard to the need for fellowship, encouragement, and accountability.]

5. What are some of the ways in which you can be an asset to your local church body?
6. What should be some of the natural results of the body of Christ coming together for fellowship around the Word of God? (Acts 2:46-47) [Some of the results of the body of Christ coming together in unity should be glad and sincere hearts, a desire to praise and worship God, and the attraction of others in the world toward the participation in the fellowship.]
7. Who should we be looking to as the One that directs the work of the church and empowers us to go forward in ministry? What should be our approach to ministry in this realization? (Acts 2:47; Acts 18:10) [The Lord is the One that directs the work that we do and thus we should be keeping Him in the center of everything we do and having everything come back to Him instead of to individuals. He is the one that protects us and gives us the strength to go on even in our hardest times]
8. Why is it beneficial to come alongside of those who are in ministry in the proclamation of the Word of the Lord in order to assist them? (Acts 18:5) [When we come alongside of those who are serving in the proclamation of the Word of the Lord in order to help them, we allow them to focus more fully on the preaching of the Word of the Lord and less on smaller details surrounding them]
9. How can you be coming alongside of those who involved in the ministry around you to help and support them?
10. Why is ministry and caring for the church at times a struggle? (Acts 18:6) [Caring for the church at times can be a struggle and very difficult as there are those that will directly oppose your ministry and even to the point of abuse]
11. Even though it is easy to give up and back down from the ministry when we are opposed, what should our response be as Christians in caring for the church amidst hardships and abuse? (Acts 18:9-10) [We should remember that the Lord is with us and that there are those around us that need to be continually ministered to]

78. Kanisa okwegaita **Endhawukana mu Kanisa** **(1 Abakolinso 3:1-11 & Ebikolwa 15:1-12)**

1 Abakolinso 3

Ab'oluganda tinasobola kwogera niimwe muby'omwoyo aye mubyokunsi- abaana obwaana abawere mu Kurisito. Nabawa amata, tinabawa mmere yaabulidho, kubanga mwali mukaali kusobola kugirya. Mumazima nimpegaano mukaali mubyansi ebyomubiri okuva bwewakaaliwo ensaalwa n'okuyombagana kwimwe beene na beene, ekyo tinekitegeeza muli mubyansi? Tmulikwebisa nga abantu obuntu ababulidho? Kubanga omuntu bwakoba nti, “Nze ndi wa Pawulo,” ate owundi naakoba nti, “Nze ndi wa Apolo,” awo timuba nga muli bantu buntu?

Atenga mumazima Apolo n'ekiki? Ni Paulo n'ekiki? Bawereza buwereza ababasobozesa okwikiriza - Mukama buliomu yamuwa omulimu okukola. Nze nasimba ensigo, Apolo yaagifukirira amaadhi, aye Katonda niyagikuzza. Omuntu asimba n'omuntu afukirira bali n'ekigendererwa nga n'ekirala era buliomu alifuna empeera okusinzira kumulimugwe gwakoze. Lwakuba nti nga abantu abandi tuli bakozi bukozi ba Katonda, muli nnimiro ya Katonda, muli nnhumba ya Katonda.

Olwekisa kya Katonda kyampaire, nga omuzimbi omumahirivu, nazimbawo omusingi era omuntu owundi alikuguzimbaku. Aye buli muntu alin'okwegendereza engeri gyazimba, lwakuba wazira asobola kuzimba musingi gwonagwona okutoolaku ogwo gwonka ogumaze okuzimbibwa, ogwa Yesu Kurisito.

Ebikolwa 15

Awooni waaliwo abantu abaava e Buyudaaya baidha Antokiyu, baasomesa ab'oluganda baabakoba nti: “Okutoolaku nga babakomweire, nga empisa ya Musa bweeri era bweyagisomesa timusobola kulokoka.” Kino kyaviraku Paulo ni Balunaba obutaikirizaganja era bakiwakanja inho. Olwekyo Paulo ni Balunaba n'abaikiriza abandi balondebwa bajee e Yerusalemi eri abatume n'abakaire, bababone kunsonga eno. Ekanisa yabatuma era baajaa baabitira mu Fuyiniki ni Musamaliya yebabakobera nga abanamawanga bangi bwebaakyuka baikiriza. Gano amawulire gasanhusa inho ab'oluganda bano. Bwebatuuka e Yerusalemi bayanirizibwa e kanisa, banabi n'abakaire, bebakobera bulikintu Katonda byeyali akoze nga abitira mubo.

Male abamu kubaikiriza abaali mu Bafakisaayo bayemerera baakoba nti, "Abanamawanga bateekwa okukomolebwa era balin'okugondera amateeka ga Musa."

Abatume n'abakaire baakungaana okwetegereza ensonga dhino. Oluvainuma lwokuteesa einho kunsonga dhino Peteero yayemerera yaabakoba nti, "Ab'oluganda mwidhi nti ekiseera ekibiseewo Katonda yalondamu mwimwe okusobozesa abanamawanga okuwulira okuva kumunwa gwange amawulire ag'enjiri era baikiriza. Katonda aidhi omutima, yalaga nti abaikiriza bwe yabawa omwoyo omutukuvu nga bwe yatuwa iffe. Tiyatwawulamu iffe nabo kubanga yalongosa emitima gyaibwe mukwikiriza.

Mpegaanooni lwaki mukema Katonda nga muta mumamiro g'abayigirizwa ekikoligo iffe ni badhadha baife ekyatulemerea? Bee. Twikiriza nti olwekisa kya Mukama waife Yesu twalokoka nga bo bwebalokoka."

Abaaliwo mukuteesa kuno basirikirira nga bwe bawuliriza Balunaba ni Paulo bwe baali balikubakobera ku bubonero obwamagero n'ebiyewunisa Katonda byeyali akoze mubanamawanga nga abitira mubo.

Study Questions: Kanisa okwegaita **Endhawukana mu Kanisa** **(1 Abakolinso 3:1-11 & Ebikolwa 15:1-12)**

Introduction:

Unity is essential in the body of Christ, for without it the church would self destruct from the inside out from quarreling, bickering, and arguing. Just like a family, it is quite easy and feasible for a church family to have problems as a unit as well. True unity, therefore, is not the absence of problems, but the decisions to go through and encounter all problems working together as a unit. With this in mind, it is essential for us not to try to run from our problems that are on their way, but to instead look for a way to work out the problems that we will have and to bring them to the Lord. This can only be obtained by the grace of God and by His continual strength and peace for our lives. Thus, may we continue to look to the Lord as we work with those around us in the ministry, jointly striving to serve our Master.

Goals:

Knowledge - To understand that in uniting with the body of Christ and working together we are stronger and more effective. To realize the vastness of the church at large and to see our role in it.

Attitude - To appreciate the different roles and parts each member has in the body of Christ, each for a different function, yet appointed by God.

Actions - To strive to encourage and support fellow brothers and sisters in the body of Christ. To not look to cause division or strife in the body of Christ, but rather to unite & encourage those around us as they seek to serve the Lord in their lives.

Memory Verse:

1 Peter 3:8 “Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brother, be compassionate and humble”

Scriptures for your study:

Psalm 133; Ephesians 4:1-7; 1 Peter 3:8-11; 1 Corinthians 12; Hebrews 10:23-25; Romans 12:3-8; 1 John 3:11-20;

1 John 4:7-21; John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 6:5-8

Questions about the Story:

I Corinthians

1. How does Paul say he views the Corinthian church as he examines their character? (Verse 1: He told them that he viewed them as mere infants in Christ.)
2. How did Paul say he would have to address the church because of their character? (Verse 1: Paul writes that he could not address the church as spiritual but rather as worldly.)
3. What was the problem that the Corinthian church was dealing with at the time that Paul wrote to them that led for him to address them as worldly? (Verses 3-4: There was jealousy and quarreling among the church as they were arguing over who to follow, either Paul or Apollos.)
4. What title does Paul give to both him and Apollos? What was their function? (Verses 5-6: Paul describes him and Apollos to be mere servants through whom people came to believe. They simply planted and watered the seed of the Word of God in the lives of people.)
5. Who was the one who was truly at work behind the salvation of souls and the work in the hearts and lives of the church? (Verses 5-6: The Lord God was the one who appointed the work and made the seed that was planted to grow)
6. Who is the only one who is anything and is worthy of receiving the glory and having all attention? (Verse 7: God alone is worthy of glory as He is the only One who does anything.)
7. What is the only purpose for the men who plant and water the field of God? (Verse 8: The men who plant and water have only one purpose, which is to plant and water alone.)
8. How is the church of God described and to what is it paralleled? (Verse 9: The church of God is the field of God and described as His building.)
9. What is the foundation for the building of our lives in God? (Verse 11: The sole foundation is Jesus Christ)
10. How did Paul say he came to lay the foundation of Jesus Christ? (Verses 10-11: Paul said he came to lay the foundation of Jesus Christ by the grace given to him by God.)
11. What caution does Paul give regarding the building on the foundation of Christ? (Verse 10: That each one should be careful how he builds.)

Acts 15

1. What did the men from Judea bring down with them when they came to Antioch? (Verse 1: The men from Judea brought with them the teaching that "Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved.")
2. What response did this bring amongst the church in Antioch? (Verse 2: This teaching from the men of Judea brought about a very sharp debate and dispute in the church as Paul and Barnabas opposed their heretical teaching)
3. How did the church in Antioch respond to the debate that came up in their church? (Verse 2-3: The church appointed Paul and Barnabas, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question about the need for circumcision for the new believers)
4. What was the message that Paul and Barnabas spread as they traveled to Jerusalem and then also shared with the church there? (Verses 3-4: Paul and Barnabas reported everything that God had done through them and how the Gentiles had been converted)
5. What was the response of the apostles and elders to the question posed by the believers that belonged to the party of the Pharisees regarding the circumcision of the Gentiles? (Verses 6-11: The apostles and elder met to consider the question and after much discussion, Peter got up and explained that the God had accepted the Gentiles by giving them the Holy Spirit and had made no distinction between them and the Jews. Peter then explains that it was better not to put such a restriction upon the Gentile believers in circumcision as it is through the grace of the Lord Jesus that there is salvation)
6. What was the response of the assembly after Peter spoke to them regarding the acceptance of the Gentiles without the restrictions of the law? (Verse 12: The whole assembly became silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul tell about the miraculous sign and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them)

Discussion Questions:

1. What appearance does the church give to the outside world when we are full of fighting, quarreling, and arguing? (1 Corinthians 3:1-4) [When the church is full of rage, anger, and fighting, the world looks at the church and thinks of it no

differently than itself, if not worse off because of the hypocritical lifestyle of promoting love and peace but living in anger and hatred.]

2. How should we respond when arguments and debates come up in the church? (Acts 15:1-6) [When we have arguments that come up in the church, we should take the argument before higher church leadership with wisdom and insight in order to bring a calmness and settlement to the situation]
3. What is the problem when we begin to start following solely the leadership of man? (1 Corinthians 3:3-4) [When we look to the headship to come from man and not from God, we spur ourselves on with envy and jealousy, comparing one against another and competing for attention.]
4. How should we view our position as we function in the ministry of God? (1 Corinthians 3:5-6) [We should view ourselves as mere servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, appointed to do that which He would have us to do, each for his or her own function.]
5. What are some ways that you can be serving your church body?
6. How must we guard our lives as we get involved in ministry where we are the ones who are in leadership? [We must be careful to not become prideful and look for ways to utilize others around us to partake in the ministry so that it is not us doing everything and getting all the attention.]
7. What should we be focusing on communicating to those around us in order to stay united the ministry? (Acts 15:3-4, 11-12) [Not only should we be focusing on the salvation we have through Jesus Christ, but we should also be focusing on the work that the Lord is actively doing and bringing about amongst us!]
8. What are some ways that you have seen the Lord actively working in your congregation?
9. Why does all of the honor and praise need to go to the Lord if anything good comes out of our ministry? (1 Corinthians 3:7) [God alone must receive all of the glory from our lives, because He is the only One is at work and the only One that causes fruit/growth in the ministry.]
10. What are we to do in the church when we don't know understand what our ministry is? (1 Corinthians 3:5-8) [We should seek God as He ultimately is the One who appoints and determines the work that we are to be about and is the One that works through us.]

11. What foundation should our ministry & lives be built on and why? (1 Corinthians 3:10-11; Acts 15:11) [Our lives and ministry should be built upon the foundation of Christ as He should be the center of everything and anything we would do. Through the grace of God through Jesus Christ and in this alone are we saved. Christ is our solid rock of faith, through whom we have redemption and through whom we are able to enter into a relationship with God, thus any other foundation is sinking sand.]

79. Okusabira okuwonezebwa **Yesu awonia omuwereza w'omwami w'ekitongole** **(Lukka 7:1-22)**

Yesu bwe yamala okwogera ebigambo bye byonabyona mu bantu yaingira e kaperunawumu. Awo waaliwo omuwereza w'omwami w'ekitongole, nga omuwereza oyo mukamawe amwenda inho. Yali mulwaire inho era nga ali kumpi kufa. Omwami w'ekitongole bwe yawulira ku Yesu yatuma abakaire baba Yudaaya bajee bamusabe aidhe awonie omuwerezawe. Bwe baatuuka eri Yesu bamwegayirira baamukoba nti, "Omusadha ono ogwaine oidhe omuboneku kubanga agonza inho eiwanga lyaiffe era ni yatuzimbira eikungaaniro lyaife." Olwekyo Yesu yaaja nabo.

Yali tali wala okuva ku nhumba ye baali balikujaa omwami w'ekitangole yaatuma mikwanogye baidha eri Yesu baamukoba nti, "Mukama wange ot'etawania, kubanga nze tisaanha iwe kwidha waire wansi wa kasolya k'enhumba yange. Eyo n'ensonga lwaki nasalawo obutaidha y'oli nze mweene, nga mbona nti tisaanha kwiidha y'oli. Aye yogera bwogere kigambo, era omuwereza wange aidha kuwonezebwa kubanga zeena ndi muntu ali wansi w'ebiragiro era nga ndin'abaserikale b'enkulira. Bwe nkoba omuserikale nti jaa nga ajaa ate owundi bwe mukoba nti idha nga aidha. Abawereza bange mbakoba bukobe nti mukole kino nga bakikola."

Yesu bwe yawulira bino ebigambobye yamwewunia inho era awo yaakyuka yaakoba abantu abangi abaali balikumunonereza nti, "Ndikubakoba nti, tibonangaku kwikiriza kunene kwaagawano waire ni mu Isirayiri mweene." Awooni abantu bebaali batumye okujja eri Yesu bairayo munhumba era bayagana omuwereza nga ali bulungi awonie.

Nga wabiseewo akaseera katono Yesu yajaa mu kibuga kyebeeta Nayini era abayigirizwabe n'abantu bangi baaja naye, Bwe yali asembereire okumpi n'ekibuga, waaliwo omuntu eyali afiire era baali balikufulumia omulambo gwe. Omufu yali n'omwana yenka maamawe gwe yazaala ate ni maama mweene yali namwandu. Era abantu bangi okuva mu kibuga baali awo ninamwandu ono. Awooni mukamawaife bwe yamubona yaamugerwa ekisa era yaamukoba nti, "Otalira."

Awooni yaaja yagama kwisanduku eryalimu omulambo era abo abali bagusitwiire bayemerera. Yesu yaakoba nti, "Muvubuka ndikukoba nti situka!" Awooni oyo eyali afiire yaatyama era yaatandika okwogera, era Yesu yaamuwaayo eri maamawe, Bonabona abaaliwo awo

b'ewunia era baatya n'okutya era batendereza Katonda nga bakoba nti, "Nabbi omukulu aidye okuyamba abantube." Gano amawulire agagema ku Yesu gasasana gaabuna mu Buyudaaya yonayona n'ensi edhaali dhiriranewo. Abayigirizwa ba Yokaana baamukobera ku bintu bino byonabyona.

Awooni Yokaana yaayeta abayigirizwabe babiri yaabatuma okujaa ewamukama waiffe okumubuza nti, "Niiwe eyali ow'okwidha oba tusingireyo omuntu owundi?"

Mukiseera ekyo Yesu yawonia abantu bangi abaali n'endwaire, abaali abalwaire era n'abaaliku emizimu emibi era yaawa okubona abantu bangi abaali bamuzibe b'amaiso. Ababaka abaali batumibwa Yokaana omubatiza Yesu yabairamu yaabakoba nti, "Mwireyo mukobere Yokaana ebyo byemubwoine era byemuwulire: Abatulu balikubona, abalema balikutambula, abo abagenge bowonezeibwa bakasiru balikuwulira, abafu balikuzukizibwa era amawulire amalungi galiku bulirwa abaavu."

Study Questions: Okusabira okuwonezebwa **Yesu awonia omuwereza w’omwami w’ekitongole** **(Lukka 7:1-22)**

Introduction:

As we live in a world that is full of sin and hurting, we often encounter sickness and many times death in our lives. This is the natural repercussion of sin’s entrance into the world and our bodies now functioning on an imperfect level. However, as Christians and believers in the Lord God Almighty, we know that God is not limited to the natural things around us. Rather God works in the realm of the supernatural and is able to supersede that which we are able to do and comprehend on this earth. We as Christians have a benefit not only in having an All-Powerful God that we believe in, but also that He is a personal God that deeply desires for us to know Him and call out to Him. Thus, as followers of the Almighty God, we are able to call out to Him in prayer, and ask for that which in our own finite minds may be an impossibility as our God is a God that is not bound by what is possible.

Goals:

Knowledge - To realize that any power for supernatural healing comes from God alone. To understand that when we pray, God doesn’t always answer us in the way we desire, but that He always does give us an answer.

Attitude - To have a heart of compassion for those around us who are sick and hurting and to desire to bring them before the Lord in intercessory prayer.

Actions - To pray for the needs we have in our life and have confidence that the Lord is able to do more than we could ever ask or imagine; To walk by faith and not by sight.

Memory Verses:

James 5:16 “Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective”

1 John 5:14-15 “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of Him”

Scriptures for your study:

1 Kings 17:7-24; James 5:14-20; Matthew 15:22-28; Mark 5:25-34;
Acts 28:27-28; Hebrews 11:6; 1 John 5:14-15; Luke 18:1-5

Questions about the Story:

1. What was in Capernaum awaiting Jesus as he entered the city? (Verses 1-2: In Capernaum there was a centurion's servant, whom was sick and about to die.)
2. What was the centurion's response when he heard of Jesus? (Verse 3: The centurion sent some elders of the Jews to ask Jesus to come and heal his servant, whom he highly valued.)
3. In what manner did the elders of the Jews plead with Jesus when they came to him? (Verse 4: They came to Jesus and pleaded earnestly with him.)
4. What was the opinion of the Jewish elders concerning the centurion? (Verses 4-5: This man deserves to have you do this and they thought of him very highly.)
5. What did the centurion do when Jesus was not far from his house? (Verse 6: The centurion sent friends to tell Jesus not to trouble himself, for he did not consider himself worthy to have Jesus come under his roof.)
6. Why did the centurion not come to Jesus himself? (Verse 7: The centurion did not even consider himself worthy to come to Jesus.)
7. What did the centurion say that demonstrated his faith in the power of Jesus? (Verse 7: The centurion showed faith by believing that if Jesus merely said the word his servant would be healed.)
8. What was Jesus' response when he heard the response of the centurion and what did he note about the centurion's faith? (Verse 9: Jesus was amazed at the centurion and noted to the crowd following him that he had not found such great faith even in Israel.)
9. What did the men find when they returned to the house of the centurion? (Verse 10: When the men returned to the house they found the centurion's servant well.)
10. What was going on when Jesus approached the town called Nain? (Verses 11-12: As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out.)
11. Who was the dead person who was being carried out? (Verse 12: The dead person was the only son of his mother, who was a widow.)

12. What was the response of Jesus when he saw the widowed mother? (Verse 13: When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said to her, “Don’t cry”.)
13. What did Jesus say when he went up and touched the coffin of the dead boy? (Verse 14: Jesus said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!”.)
14. What happened to the dead man after Jesus called for him to get up? (Verse 15: The dead man sat up and began to talk.)
15. Who did the people praise when they saw what Jesus had done and who help did they credit had come to them? (Verse 16: The people in the crowd praised God, saying that He had come to help His people.)
16. What was the question that John sent his disciples to go and ask Jesus? (Verse 19: Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?)
17. What answer did Jesus give to the John’s disciples? (Verse 22: “The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.”)

Discussion Questions:

1. What are the things in your life that you need to be bringing to Jesus?
2. As Christians, in what manner should we come before the Lord in prayer? (Verse 7) [We should acknowledge that in and of ourselves, we are unworthy to come before the Lord but only do so because of His grace and mercy.]
3. In looking at the centurion, what good do we see our “good works” do for us in coming before the Lord? (Verse 4-7) [That even when we think that we might “deserve” something from God because of that which we have done, we really are unworthy of the Lord’s working in our lives, it is only by His grace in our lives that He decides to work.]
4. Like the centurion, what is the important thing for us to have in our lives when we call upon the Lord in prayer? (Verse 7) [For us as Christians, we must have faith that the Lord hears our prayers and that He is able to do what we ask of Him.]
5. Although we must have faith in the power of the Lord, is the Lord able to work in our lives despite our lack of faith or lack of asking Him to? Why or why not? (Verses 13-15) [As the All-Powerful God, the Lord is most certainly able to work in the lives of any man or woman whether or not they have faith in order that He might receive the glory from the situation.]

However, He calls for us to have faith in Him so that we may point those around us toward the Lord as we look to Him to work in our lives.]

6. What do we learn about the character of God by looking at the heart of Jesus for those who were sick or in pain? (Verse 13) [We see the character of God to be one of love and of compassion, that just as Jesus had a heart that went out to those who were sick or in pain, so the heart of God is filled with compassion on those who are hurting.]
7. What kind of heart do you have for those who are hurting or in pain around you? What is your response to them?
8. When we God doing a miraculous work around us, what should be our response? (Verse 16) [We should have the response of praise and adoration of the mercy of God as well as a spirit of thankfulness for His help to us.]
9. If Jesus was able to heal the blind, lame, lepers, deaf, and dead, what work is He able to do in your life?

80. Okweboneraku

Petero ni Yokaana ngabali mulukiiko **(Ebikolwa 4:1-21)**

Petero ni Yokaana bwebaali nga balikwogera n'abantu, bakabona n'omukulu w'abakuumi bayekaalu n'abasaddukaayo baidha ye baali, Baali banakuwavu inho kubanga abayigirizwa baali balikusomesa abantu ku Yesu era nga b'ogera erinha lya. Yesu okuzukusa abafu. Baagema Peteero ni Yokaana, era olw'okuba nti olw'eiggulo lw'aali lujjire nga obwiire bulikuziba baabata mwikomera okutuusa olunaku olwairira. Aye bangi abaali bawuhire ekigambo baikiriza era abantu beyongerairala okuba abangi era nga buti baawera nkumi itaanu.

Enkeera abafuzi, abakaire n'abasomesa bamateeka bakunganira eYerusalemi okwaganana. Ana kabona asinga bonabona obukulu yaliyo, ni Kayaafu ni Yokaana ni Alegezanda n'ebekike kya kabona asinga obukulu bonabona baaliyo. Baalagira Peteero ni Yokaana baleetebwe mumaiso gaibwe. Awooni baatandika okubabuza ebibuuzo nti, “Buyinza bwaani oba liinha lyaani imwe byemukozesa okukola bino byemukola?”

Awooni Peteero, nga aidwiire omwoyo omutukuvu yabairamu yaabakoba nti. “Abafuzi n'abakaire b'abantu! Singa tweteebwa leero okwogera ku bikolwa byokulaga ekisa eri omulema era twabuzibwa engeri gye yawonezeb wamu awooni mumanhe kino imwe n'abantu bonabona mu Isirairi, lwa liina lya Yesu Kurisito omu Nazaaleesi gwe mwakomerera ku musalaba aye Katonda gwe yazukusa okuva mubafu nti omusadha ono ayemereire niimwe nga mulamu. N'eibaale imwe abazimbi lye mwaloba erifuuse eikulu eryokunsonda. Obulukozi tibuli muwundi yenayena kubanga wazira liinha lindi wansi w'eigulu eryaweewwa abantu nga n'engeri y'okulokolebwa.”

Bwebaabona obugumu bwa Peteero ni Yokaana era baabona nti tibantu abaasoma, aye baali bantu ababulidho, beewunia inho era baakitwaala nti abantu bano babaire ni Yesu. Aye olw'okuba baali nga balikubona omuntu eyawonezebwa nga ayemereire nabo baali nga bazira kindi kyakukoba. Olwekyo babalagira bave mulukiiko memale benenabene baatesa baakoba nti, "Bano abantu tujakubakolaki? Buli muntu atyama mu Yerusalemi aidhi nti bakoze ekyamagero ekyewunisa einho era titusobala kuloba nti kino tikituuu. Aye okulobera okusasana mu bantu, tuteekwa okulabula abantu bano obutairayo kwogera na muntu yenayena mu liinha lino.”

Baamala baabeeta baabalagira obut'ogera oba okusomesa n'akatono kati mu linha lya Yesu.

Aye Peteero ni Yokaana baabairamu baabakoba nti, "Mwesalirewo imwe beene oba kituufu mu maiso ga Katonda okubagondera imwe mukifo ky'okugondera Katonda. Kubanga iffe titusobola kulekeraawo kwogera ku kyetubwoine era kyetuwulire."

Oluvainuma lw'okweyongera okubatisatisa baamala baabaleka bajee. Baalemererwa okusalawo engeri y'okubabonerezaamu, kubanga bonabona baali balikutendereza Katonda olwekyo ekyabaawo.

Study Questions: Okweboneraku **Petero ni Yokaana ngabali mulukiiko** **(Ebikolwa 4:1-21)**

Introduction:

For us as Christians, we should always be looking for an avenue to make known the mystery of the gospel of the power of Jesus Christ to the world around us. Whether it is through trials or times of praise, each and every circumstance can be brought around in order to tell those present about the work of Jesus Christ in our lives. For our purpose on this earth is not only to make sure that we are in a right relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, but to affect those around us in our day to day life in order that they may be brought into that same relationship with Jesus Christ. In Acts chapter 4, Peter and John had just healed a crippled man outside the temple gate and were now using the opportunity to witness to the crowds who had gathered around them. They were simply taking advantage of a situation that God placed in front of them in order to point those around them to Him. As we look at this story, let us think of how we can be looking for chances to witness in situations that God would put in front of us as well!

Goals:

Knowledge - To know and believe that God wills that all men be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth and that He desires to use us as His vessels in order to accomplish that work in the world.

Attitude - To have the heart of God to see all saved and the desire to get out of our comfort zone and be courageous spokesmen for Jesus Christ to those around us.

Actions - To look for opportunities that the Spirit of God gives us to proclaim the truth of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to shine that truth into the darkness around us that is perishing without the Lord in their lives.

Memory Verses:

1 Peter 3:15-16 “But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander”

Matthew 10:19-20 “But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say,

for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you”

Scriptures for your study:

Matthew 10:19-20; 1 Peter 3:15-16; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Acts 14:1-7; Romans 1:16; Acts 2:22-38; 1 Corinthians 15:1-6

Questions about the Story:

1. What do we find Peter and John doing at the beginning of the story? (Verse 1: They were speaking to the people.)
2. Who came up to Peter and John as they were speaking to the people? What were the importance they had in the culture of that day? (Verse 1: The priests, the captain of the temple guard, and the Sadducees all came up to Peter and John, all of which were high standing groups or individuals in the culture of the day.)
3. What was the attitudes of these men towards the teaching and preaching of Peter and John? (Verse 2: They were greatly disturbed at the teaching and preaching of the apostles.)
4. What was it that Peter and John were teaching the proclaiming to the people? (Verse 2: They were proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.)
5. What did those in leadership do in response to the preaching and proclamation of Jesus Christ by Peter and John? (Verse 3: They seized Peter and John and put them in jail.)
6. What was the response from those in the crowd who had heard the message and proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ? (Verse 4: Many who had heard the message believed and added themselves to those who were already of the faith.)
7. What did the rulers, elders and teachers of the law have done with Peter and John the next day as they met in Jerusalem? (Verses 5-7: They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them.)
8. What question did the ruler, elders, and teachers of the law bring before Peter and John? (Verse 7: The rulers asked, “By what power or what name did you do this?”)
9. What was the act that the leaders were referring to when they asked what power or by what name Peter or John had done this? (Verse 9: The leaders were questioning the act of the healing of the crippled man.)
10. In what power did Peter respond to the leaders in? (Verse 8: Peter responded to the people filled with the Holy Spirit.)

11. Who did Peter direct the attention and glory to from the healing of the crippled man? (Verse 10: Peter directs the attention and glory to the power and name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.)
12. How does Peter describe Jesus Christ to those who were present and listening? (Verses 10-11: Jesus is described as crucified at the hand of man and raised from the dead by the power of God. He is that which has been rejected by men but that which has become the center of all things.)
13. Who does Peter point out that our salvation is to be found in? Why? (Verse 12: Salvation is to be found in no one else but Jesus, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.)
14. What were the things that the leaders noticed about Peter and John? (Verse 13: They noticed that they were unschooled and ordinary men yet they were full of courage and had been with Jesus.)
15. What was the response of the leadership in response to the courage that Peter and John showed amidst their ordinary state? (Verse 13: They were astonished.)
16. What could the leaders say in response to what Peter and John had done in healing the crippled man? Why? (Verse 14: There was nothing they could say as they could see the man standing there with them.)
17. Why were the leaders not able to deny the miracle that Peter and John had done? (Verse 16: The Jewish leaders were not able to deny the outstanding miracle that had been performed as everybody living in Jerusalem knew what had been done.)
18. What was the solution the leaders came up with in order to stop Peter and John from speaking in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ? (Verse 17: The leaders simply decided that they would warn Peter and John to speak no longer to anyone in that name.)
19. What was Peter and John's reply to the religious leaders at the request that they stop the teaching in the name of Jesus? (Verses 19-20: They told the leaders to judge for themselves whether or not it was better to listen to God rather than them and told them that in regard to their message, they couldn't help but telling about what they had seen and heard.)
20. Why could the religious leaders not properly decide how to punish Peter and John? (Verse 21: The leaders could not decide how to punish them because all the people were praising God for what had happened.)

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the message that we have to proclaim to the world around us? (Verses 2, 12) [The message that we have as Christians to proclaim to the world around us is that in Jesus, there is the resurrection of the dead and that salvation is found in no one else but in Jesus Christ.]
2. What situations do you find yourself in where you can share Jesus Christ with those around you? What is your response to those situations that you encounter?
3. What can we know will be the response of the world around us when we are sharing the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ? (Verses 1-4) [The response of the world will widely vary when we as Christians begin to spread the message of the Lord Jesus Christ with them. For out of those whom have the Holy Spirit working in their lives, many will come to salvation and stand in awe at the love and grace of Jesus Christ for their lives. However, for those who are resisting the work of the Holy Spirit, they will be disturbed by the gospel and respond negatively toward the message of salvation.]
4. Why do we as Christians have no reason to fear when we are questioned for our faith or treated wrongly for our belief in Jesus Christ? (Verse 8) [We have no reason to fear as we have the power of the Holy Spirit living in us, who will give us the words to say at the right time in response to the questions that come our way and will give us the strength to go through whatever wrong comes against us.]
5. How can we be a witness for Jesus when we are questioned about our lives and that which we are doing? (Verses 10-11) [We can serve as a witness for Jesus Christ even in times of questioning and hardship by pointing people back to Jesus Christ and giving him the glory from our lives.]
6. Why does God often use the simple and ordinary men in order to use for His glory? (Verse 13) [God often uses simple men to do His work so that it is obvious that it is not by man that things are accomplished but by the Lord God Almighty alone.]
7. What should our response as Christians be when the Lord has told us to do something that the world opposes? (Verses 19-20) [As Christians, we should choose to listen to the Word of the Lord over the words of man as God ultimately is the One who has control not only of this present life, but also of the life to come.]
8. What are some of the things that the Lord has been telling you to do? What has been your response?

81. Okubulira

Paulo nga ali ni Kabaka Agulipa

(Ebikolwa 26:1-29)

Agulipa yaakoba Paulo nti "Nkwikirizza okwewozaaku." Awooni Paulo yaagolola omukono yaatandika okuwoza nga akoba nti, "Kabaka Agulipa mbona nti ndin'omukisa munene inho okusobola okwemerera mu maisogo olwaleero nga mpoza emisango gyonagyona Abayudaaya gye bampawaabire ate n'ekisinga byonabyona n'okuba nti oidhi bulungi empisa dha Bayudaaya n'en kayana dhaibwe. Olwekyo nkusaba ompulirize, n'obuguminkiriza.

“Abayudaaya bonabona baidhi engeri gye mbairemu okuviira irala nga ndi mwana muto nga bambona nga nkula era n'okuvira irala ku bulamu bwange muni yange ni mu Yerusalemi. Bammanie eibanga iwanvu inho era singa benda, ekyo basobola okukiwaako obudhulizi nti okusinzira ku mazima g'eidimi yaiffe nze nakula nga ndi mufalisaayo. Mpegaano olweisuubi lyange lye nninalyo muKatonda bye yasubiza ba isseiffe, bampawabiire omusango wano leero. Kino n'ekisubiizo ebika byaiffe eikumi n'ebibiri byekisubira okubona nga kibaawo nga mu mazima bawereza katonda omusana n'obwiire. Ooh kabaka olw'esuubi linho n'ensonga lwaki Abayudaaya bampawabiire omusango. Lwaki omuntu yenayena kwiimwe akitwaala nti kizibu okwikirikiza nti Katonda azukusa abafu?

“Zeena nali ndhikiriza nti nsaanhire okukola buli ekisoboka okudhemera eriina lya Yesu omunazaaleesi. Era ekyo kyeene kyenakola mu Yerusalemi. Bakabona abakulu bwe bampa obuyinza. Nasiba abatukuvu bangi mu makomera, era nga bwe baitibwa nkiikiriza. Emirundi mingi nagyanga ku buli ikunganiro naababonereza era naagezaaku okubakaka okuvoola ebitukuvu. Olw'obukyaayi obungi bwenali nabwo kubo era nga njaanga ni mu bibuga ebya kuliya naababoniabonia.

“Lulala nga ndi kumuyiigo gw'abantu bano, nali ndikujaa Damasiko nga mpweebwa obuyinza okuva ku bakabona abakulu. Dhaali sawa dha kyamisana sawa nga mukaaga ogwemisana. Ooh kabaka, nali mu njira nga ndi kutambula, naabona omusana, nga guva mwigulu nga gwaka okusinga n'endhuba nga gulikumasamasa okutwetolola nze ni banange be nali nabo. Twenatwena twaagwa wansi kwiitaka era mu kiseera ekyo nawulira eiroboosi nga linkoba mululimi olw'ebulaniya nti, 'Saulo, Saulo lwaki olikundigania n'okumboniabonia? Kikalangafu inho iwe okusamba emiwunda.' Awooni naabuza nti, 'Niwe ani

mukama wange?’

“Mukama wange yandhiramu yaakoba nti ‘Ninze Yesu gw’olikuyigania n’okuboniabonia. Mpegaano situka oyemerere ku bigerebyo. N’eyoleike y’oli okukulonda obe omuwereza era omudhulizi ku byobwoine kunze nikwebyo byennaakulaga. Ndhakuwonya okuva ku bantubo n’okuva ku bamawanga, ndiikutuma mubo okuzibula amaiso gaibwe okubatoola mukizikiza, bakyuke baire mu musana era bave mubuyinza bwa Sitani baire eri Katonda basobole okufuna okusonyibwa ebibi era babe mwabo abatukuzibwa olw’okuikiriza munze.’

“Olwekyo, kabaka Agulipa, tinadhemera kwolesebwa kwomwigulu. Nga nsokera kwaabo abali eDamasiko naizaku abo abali eYerusalemi n’abo bonabona abali eBuyudaaya n’abamawanga bona nabulira nti benenie era baire eri katonda era balageokwenenia kwaibwe n’ebikolwa byaibwe. Eyo n’ensonga lwaki Abayudaaya bangema nga ndi mu yekaalu era baagezaaku okundhita. Aye mu byonabyona nfunie obuyambi bwa Katonda okutuusa buti leero. Era olwekyo nmemereire wano era mpa obudhulizi eri abantu ababulidho naabo abebitiibwa. Wazira byendikwojera okusingawo ba nabbi ni Musa bye baakoba nti biidhakubaawo nti Kurisito aidhakuboniaboniezebwa era nga n’asooka mu kuzukira okuva mu bafu wakulangirira omusana eri abantube n’abamawanga.”

Mukiseera kino Fesuto yaakoba mwirobozi einene nti, "Paulo, otuseeku ekikyamu ku mutwegwo olalwiike. Okusoma kwo okungi kukulalwisa.”

Paulo yairamu yaabakoba nti, "Omulungi einho Fesuto, nze tiri mulalu. Byendikukoba bituufu era byamagezi. Kabaka aidhi bulungi ebintu bino era nsobola okwogera naye nga titya. Nkiidhi nti wazira kigambo waire kirala ku byendhogeire kya tategeire bulungi, kubanga tibyakolebwa mukyaama. Kabaka Agulipa oikiriza banabi? Ndidhi nti obaikiriza."

Awooni Agulipa yaakoba Paulo nti, "Olowooza nti mu kaseera ako akatono osobola okunsendasenda naaba omukurisitaayo?" Paulo yairamu yaakoba nti, "Oba kaseera katono aba kiseera kiwanvu-Nsaba Katonda nti tiuwe wenka aye abo bonabona abalikumpuliriza leero, bafuuke babe nga nze awatali kusibibwa.”

Study Questions: Okubulira **Paulo nga ali ni Kabaka Agulipa** **(Ebikolwa 26:1-29)**

Introduction:

Evangelism is taking the initiative to share Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and leaving the results up to God. Many Christians, however, fail to even take the first step in taking the initiative. They often times have many reasons why it's just "not for them". Fear of rejection, fear of persecution, or fear of not knowing the right words to say are often common reasons why believers don't share their faith, but it really all comes down to having a fear of some sort. While fears are real and it is true that things in this world can be frightening, it is important for us as Christians to remember that greater is He who is with us and in us, than any of the things and fears that we would face in this world. Thus, as Christians, may we go forward boldly and confidently in sharing our faith as we trust in One who has overcome the world.

Goals:

Knowledge - To understand the need to tell all the world of the relationship they can have with our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Attitude - To believe in our hearts the importance of seeing all men saved and coming to the knowledge of the truth. That our hearts would burn in agony over those who are condemned to hell and would rejoice over the salvation of a lost soul.

Actions - To go into all the world, proclaiming the resurrection from the dead through Jesus Christ; To pray the Lord of the harvest to send workers into His harvest field so that men might be saved.

Memory Verses:

Matthew 9:37-38 "Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field'."

Scriptures for your study:

1 Timothy 2:4; 1 John 4:4; Mark 16:15-18; 1 Peter 3:15-16; Philemon 1:6; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-7; Matthew 9:36-38; Luke 15:7

Questions about the Story:

1. What did Paul say to King Agrippa as he began his defense against all the accusation of the Jews? (Verses 2-3: Paul said

that he considered himself fortunate to stand before King Agrippa to make his defense, especially since the King was well acquainted with all the Jewish customs and controversies.)

2. What did Paul beg King Agrippa to do? (Verse 3: Paul begged King Agrippa to listen to him patiently)
3. What kind of background in religion did Paul have? (Verse 5: Paul had the background of belonging to the strictest sect of the Jewish religion: the Pharisees.)
4. Why does Paul state that he was on trial before King Agrippa? (Verse 6: Paul states he was on trial because of the hope that he had in what God has promised their fathers.)
5. In what way does Paul relate to King Agrippa as he relays where he was before Christ came into his life? (Verse 9: Paul explains that he also was convinced that he ought to have done anything possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth.)
6. What did Paul do in order to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth? (Verses 10-11: Under the authority of the chief priests, Paul had put many of the saints in prison and when they were put to death, he cast his vote against them, going from city to city to punish them and try to force them to blaspheme. He even went to foreign cities to oppose them.)
7. What did Paul encounter as he was on the road to Damascus under the authority and commission of the chief priests? (Verses 12-13: Paul encountered a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, which blazed around him and his companions.)
8. Who did Paul [formerly Saul] acknowledge was the one who was calling out to him on the Damascus road? (Verses 14-15: It can be seen by Paul's question, "Who are you, Lord?" that Paul already knew that this that was appearing to him was Jesus. This question is made certain by Jesus' response to Paul as Christ clearly identifies himself to Paul.)
9. What commission did Jesus give to Paul? (Verses 16-18: Jesus commissioned Paul to be a servant and a witness of what he had seen and what he would be shown. Paul was being sent to not only his own people (the Jews), but also to the Gentiles in order that their eyes may be opened and that they may turn from darkness to light and receive the forgiveness of sins along with a place with those who are sanctified by faith in Christ.)
10. What does Paul tell King Agrippa about His response to the vision? (Verses 19-20: Paul tells the King that he was not disobedient to the vision but went to those in Jerusalem and in

all Judea, as well as the Gentiles to preach a message that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds.)

11. What basis does Paul point to that his message is based on? (Verse 22: Paul points back to the Word of God, specifically to Moses and the prophets, as the basis for his message.)
12. What was the response that Paul received for his testimony of Jesus Christ? (Verse 24: Festus interrupted Paul and told him that he was out of his mind and that he was insane.)
13. How did Paul respond to such criticism? (Verse 25: Paul doesn't attack in return to the attack he had received, but rather responds with a very humble yet certain defense.)
14. What did Paul know about King Agrippa and his understanding of what was being presented? (Verses 26-27: Paul was well aware that King Agrippa was well acquainted with the Scriptures and that he believed in the prophets.)
15. What was the heart of Paul for King Agrippa and for those who were listening? (Verses 28-29: Paul had the desire for King Agrippa and all others to be saved, whether after a short or long time.)

Discussion Questions:

1. What should our attitude be as Christians, when we have the opportunity to share the gospel with those around us? (Verses 2-3) [We should consider it a fortunate opportunity to share Christ with any audience that the Lord so permits for us to have.]
2. How do you respond when someone asks you to tell them what you believe?
3. How can we use our previous life in the world as a testimony in order to relate to those around us and reach them for Jesus Christ? (Verses 5-11) [By explaining to people where we have been and telling them how Christ has changed us, we are able to effectively show them the power of Christ in individual circumstances to take someone with a sinful past and transform them into a follower of God.]
4. Who are some of those around you that you can be reaching for Jesus Christ?
5. How do we see the faithfulness of Jesus to those perishing in the world through the life of Paul? (Verse 12-14) [We see that even though Paul was living a life opposed to Jesus Christ, the Lord revealed Himself individually to Paul in order to bring about a transformation in his life. Similarly, the Lord desires

to individually reveal Himself to each and every one of those in the world, in order that they may be saved, as He is the Lord that has come to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10).]

6. How have you seen the Lord's faithfulness in your life and how can you use that as a testimony to share with others?
7. Like Paul, what do we need to make sure that our message is based on? (Verse 22) [We as Christians need to make sure that when we are sharing our testimony, it is grounded and based on the Word of God and the Word serves as its foundation.]
8. Who is the One who has commissioned us to go forward in the sharing of the gospel? (Verses 16-18) [Jesus Christ is the One who has given each of us the commission to go forward in bringing light to those who are in darkness.]
9. As Christians, how should we respond when people mock us and ridicule us because of what we believe? Why? (Verses 24-25) [We need to respond humbly yet uncompromisingly in our reply and not have the attitude that is contentious and fighting as we seek to model Christ who set us the model example of humility amidst adversity.]
10. What is the heart that a Christian should have for those who are lost and without Christ as the Lord of their lives? (Verses 28-29) [Our heart should be for those around us that are perishing to come to be saved and to make every attempt to have that happen.]

82. Okwetebwa Katonda

Yeremiya okwetebwe Katonda ni Yona

(Yeremiya 4:4-10 & Yona 1-4)

Yeremiya

Ekigambo kya Mukama kyandidhira nga kikoba nti, “Bwe nali nga nkaali kukuwumba mu nda nakumanha, era nga okaali kuzalibwa nakutukuza. Nakulonda okuba nabbi eri amawanga.”

Nairamu naakoba nti, “Aah Mukama Katonda, tiidhi ngeri yakwogeramu kubanga ndi mwana bwana.” Aye Mukama yaakoba nti, “Otakoba nti ndimwana bwana. Oteekwa okujaa kubulimuntu gwe nnaakutumaku era okobe kyonakyona kyennaaba nkulagiire okukoba. Otatya muntu yenayena kubanga nze ndi niwe era ndhaakuwonia.”

Awooni Mukama yaagolola omukono gwe, yaagema ku munwa gwange yaakoba nti, “Mpegaano ntaire ebigambo byange mukanwako. Bona, leero nkulonze okuba omukulu w'amawanga, era n'amatwale g'abakabaka, okusimbula era n'okumenha okuzikiriza n'okusuula obufuzi okuzimba n'okusimba.”

Yona

Ekigambo kya Mukama kyaidha eri Yona mutabani wa Amittayi kyaamukoba nti, “Jaa mu kibuga ekinene ekyetebwa Nineeva obulire nga okivumirira kubanga ebibi byakyo bituuse mu maiso gange.”

Aye Yona yalumuka yava eri Mukama yaajaa e Talusiisi. Yaserengeta yaajaa e Yopa eyo yeyagaana emeeri eyali eri kujaa e Talusisi. Oluvainuma lw'okusasula esente edh'entambula yanina emeeri yaingira yaatyama. Emeeri yaasabala yaaja e Talusisi nga Yona ajiriremu nga alikulumuka okuva ku Mukama.

Awooni Mukama yaasindika empewo eyaamanhi einho ku nnhandha, omuyaga ogwaamanhi einho gwaaba kunhandha, emeeri yayenda okumenhekamu. Abaali kumeeri nga mwotaire n'abavuzi baayo baatya inho era buli omu yaasaba katondawe gwaikiririzamu okubayamba. Baasuula munnhandha ebintu byonabyona ebyaali ku meeri okusobola okukendeeza obuzito bwayo.

Aye Yona yali ajiire mukisenge ekyawansi w'eyagamiriraku aye oluvainuma endoolo dhaanutwaala yaatenduka. Awooni omuvuzi w'emeeri yajaa Yona yeyali yaamukoba nti, “Oyinza otya okutenduka? Situka osabe Katondawo atuyambe ob'olyawo aidhakutulingiriramu

atuwonie tulobe kuzikirira.

Awooni abaali kumeeri baayogeragania baakoba nti, "Katukube akalulu tubone ekizibu kino ekinene kiti kiviire kwaani?" Bwe baakuba akalulu kaagwa ku Yona. Awooni baabuza Yona baamukoba nti, "Tukobere ekizibu kino ekinene ekitutuseeku kiveere kwaani? Okola mulimo ki? ovawa? ova musiki? Ova mubantu bakikaaki?"

Awooni yaabairamu yaabakoba nti, "Nze ndi mweBulaniya era nsnza Mukama, Katonda owawaigulu eyakola ennhandha n'olukalu." Kino kyabatiisa inho era baamubuza nti, "Kiki ky'okoze?" (Baal bamaze okumanha nti alumwike okuva eri Mukama kubanga yali amaze okubakoba atyo.)

Enhandha y'eyongera okutabuka. Olwekyo baamubuza nti, "Tukukoleki iwe enhandha esobole okututererera?" Yabairamu yaabakoba nti, "Munsitule munsuule mu nhandha, olwo enhandha eidhakuterera. Ndidhi nti ensobi yange n'ereese kibuyaga ono omungi okubaidhira."

Mukifo ky'ekyo kye yabakoba abantu abaali ku meeri baagezaaku okwizaayo emeeri ku lukalu. Aye balemererwa kuba buli bwebagezaangaku einho n'enhandha yona yeyongera okutabuka. Kyebaava nibalirira Mukama nga bakoba nti, "Ooh Mukama, tukwegayirire otatuleka nitufaa olw'okuzikiriza obulamu obw'omusaadha ono. Otatutwaala nti niife, otuvunanizibwa okuba n'omusango olw'okwita omusaadha ono azira kibi kyatukoze, kubanga iwe, Mukama okoze nga bw'oyenda." Awooni baasitula Yona baamusuula mu nhandha era mukiseera kyeene ekyo enhandha yaaterera. Olwakino abantu abaali ku meeri baatya inho Mukama era baawayo sadaaka eri Mukama era beyama yaali.

Aye Mukama yataawo ekyenhandha ekinene kyaamira Yona, era Yona yaaba mu ky'enhandha munda okumala ennaku isatu emisana n'obwiire.

Yona nga ali munda mu kyenhandha yasaba Mukama Katondawe yaakoba nti, "Mu nnaku yange ennene nasaba Mukama era yaandiramumu. Okuva munda mu magombe nasaba obuyambi era waawulira okulira kwange." Awo Mukama yaalagira ekyenhandha kyasesema Yona ku lukalu.

Awooni ekigambo kya Mukama kyaidha eri Yona omulundi

ogw'okubiri nga kyogera nti, "Jaa mu kibuga ekinene kyebeeta Nineeva okikobere obubaka bwenkuwa." Yona yaagondera ekigambo kya Mukama yaajaa e Nineeva. Mpegaano Nineeva kyaali kibuga kikulu inho- nga okukikyalira n'okimalaku kyonakyona kitwaala ennaku issatu. Olunaku olwasooka Yona okwingira ekibuga, yalangirira yaakoba nti, "Ennaku amakumi ana agandi aganairaku okuva leero Nineeva kiidhakuzikirira." Abantu ba Nineeva baaikiriza Katonda. Baalangirira okusiiba, era bonabona, okuva kwasingira irala obukulu okutuuka kuwawansi einho, baayambala ebibugo.

Kabaka wa Nineeva bwe yawulira abyaali birikubaawo, yava ku ntebbeye ey'obwakabaka yaayemerera yaatolamu engoye dhe edh'obwakabaka yaavala ekibugo male yaaja yaatyama mu nfufu. Katonda bwe yabona bye baali balikukola n'engeri gye baali bakyuusemu okuva mu kukola ebibi, yaabagemerwa ekisa era tiyabataaku kubazikiriza nga bwe yali abakobye nti kye yali ajaa okukola.

Aye Yona tikyamusanhusa nakamu nakatono era yanhiiga inho. Yasaba Mukama yaakoba nti, "Ooh Mukama, kino tikenakoba bwe nali nga nkaali mumsi yange? Eyo n'ensonga lwaki nayanguwa okulumuka okuva eTalusii. Namanha nti oli Katonda omulungi era oidwiire ekisa, olwaawo okunhiiga era olin'okugonza okubitirivu era eby'okuzikiriza obivaaku mangu. Mpegaano, oh Mukama, nkwegayirire ntoolaaku obulamu bwange obutwaale kubanga mbona nti okufa kusingira okuba omulamu.

Aye Mukama yaamuiramu yaamukoba nti, "Olina obuyinza bwonabwona okunhiigira?" Yona yaafulumu yaajaa yaatyama ebuvandhuba mu kifo kumbali w'ekibuga. Eyo y'enzibira akasisira yaatyama mu kisikirize yaalindirira okubona kiki ekyaaali kijaa okubaawo ku kibuga Nineeva. Awooni Mukama Katonda yaataawo omuti, yaagukuza okusobola okuva Yona ekisikirize ku mutwe gwe n'okumalawo obukalubirivu bwe yali nabwo, era kino Yona yakisanhukira inho olw'omuti guno. Aye olunaku olwaiririraku kunkyo Katonda yaataawo ekiwuuka ekyagaaya omuti gw'akala. Endhuba bwe yavaayo omusana ni gutandiika okwaaka katonda yaataawo kibuyaga ava e buvandhuba aye nga alimu olubugumu olwokya, era nga n'endhuba erikwakira inho ku mutwe gwa Yona era yaazirika. Yayenda okufaa era yaakoba nti, "Okufaa kisingira okuba omulamu."

Aye Katonda yaakoba Yona nti, "Olina obuyinza bwonabwona okunhiiga olw'omuti?" Yona yairamu Katonda yaamukoba nti "Yii. ndi

munhiiyu inho ekimala wakiri nfe.”

Aye Mukama yaamwiramumu yaamukoba nti, "Olikufaayo inho ku muti guno waire nga tiniwe eyagulabirira era tiniwe eyagukuza.

Gwaidhawo lulala obwiire era gwaafa obwiire obwo. Aye ekibuga Nineeva kiri n'abantu abasoba mu mitwaalo eikumi n'ebiri abatasobola kwawulawo omukono gwaibwe omusadha okuva kumukono gwaibwe omugoodha era kiri n'ente kamala. Oyenda nneme kufaayo ku kibuga ekikulu kiti?”

Study Questions: Okwetebwa Katonda

Yeremiya okwetebwe Katonda ni Yona

(Yeremiya 4:4-10 & Yona 1-4)

Introduction:

At times the call of God is difficult to comprehend or understand as the things which the Lord is selecting us to do seem to be so far out of our reach or desire. Little do we realize the truth of that actualization. The plans that God has for us are actually impossible for us to ascertain on our own ability and strength, but can only come about by the working of the Lord and His Spirit in our lives. Thus, even in our weakness and our futility, the Lord is able to use us for His glory as it is not us doing anything else except willfully allowing the Lord to be Lord of our lives. As we look at the life of Jeremiah & Jonah, we see that the Lord knows the plans He has for us according to His foreknowledge and furthermore promises to be with us as we proceed in His plans. We also see that when the Lord calls us to do something, it is important for us to go and act on what the Lord has called us to do..

Goals:

Knowledge - To understand that God has a plan for our lives, even though at times we don't know what it is or where it will lead to; To realize that we have the need to follow the will of God, even if He only shows us just a little bit at a time the path that we need to follow; To understand that we can't get away from the Lord and that He is there wherever we are, even in our hardest moments.

Attitude - To desire in our hearts to serve the Lord wholeheartedly and to be willing to do whatever He would set before us as His humble servants.

Actions - To seek the call of the Lord in our lives and to wait patiently on that call; To obey the call that the Lord has placed on our lives when we receive it; To love and serve the Lord, our neighbor as ourselves, and spread the gospel of the resurrection in Jesus Christ.

Memory Verses:

Exodus 4:11-12 "The LORD said to him, 'Who gave man his mouth?

Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say'."

Scriptures for your study:

Exodus 4:1-12; 1 Samuel 16:7-13; John 1:35-51; Acts 26:12-18;
Genesis 6:12-22

Questions about the Story:

Jeremiah 1

1. What was it that first came to Jeremiah? (Verse 4: The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah.)
2. What did the Lord tell Jeremiah about His personal knowledge of Jeremiah? (Verse 5: The Lord says to Jeremiah that before he was formed in his mother's womb, God knew him.)
3. How does God show His personal selection of Jeremiah as the man to do His work? (Verse 5: God says to Jeremiah that before he was even born, God had set him apart and appointed him to be a prophet to the nations.)
4. What is Jeremiah's response to God's personal call and appointing? (Verse 6: Jeremiah responds that he did not know how to speak for he was only a child.)
5. How did God respond to the excuse that Jeremiah made of not knowing how to speak and of being a youth? (Verse 7: God commanded him to not say he was only a child but rather to go to everyone that the Lord would send him to and to say whatever the Lord would want him to.)
6. What reason did the Lord give to Jeremiah to not be afraid of those whom he would be sent to? (Verse 8: The Lord tells Jeremiah not to be afraid of them, for the Lord would be with him and would rescue him.)
7. What did the Lord reach out and give to Jeremiah? (Verse 9: The Lord reached out and gave His words to Jeremiah to say to the people.)
8. What does it mean that God appointed Jeremiah to be his prophet? (Verses 5, 10: To appoint means to choose and select, which is what God did to Jeremiah as He bestowed upon him the role of prophet to the people of Israel.)

Jonah 1-4

1. What was it that the Lord had called Jonah to do? (Jonah 1:2: Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.)
2. How did Jonah react in response to the call of the Lord? (Jonah 1:3: Jonah responded by going in the complete opposite direction of Nineveh and instead decided to go to Tarshish)

3. What happened to Jonah while he was on his way to Tarshish? (Jonah 1:4: The Lord sent a great wind on the sea and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up)
4. Who was found out to be reason for the cause of the storm? (Jonah 1:7-12: Jonah was found to be the cause for the source of the storm as he had disobeyed the call of God and had instead done the exact opposite)
5. What does Jonah propose to the sailors in order to calm the sea? (Jonah 1:12: Jonah proposes to the sailors that they take him and throw him overboard and that then the storms would subside.)
6. What happened to Jonah after being thrown overboard? (Jonah 1:15-17: The raging sea calmed down and the Lord provided a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish three days and three nights.)
7. What did Jonah spend his time doing while he was in the belly of the fish? (Jonah 2:2-9: Jonah spent his time in prayer and in calling out to the Lord)
8. What did the Lord command the fish to do after the end of three days of Jonah residing within the fish? (Jonah 2:10: The Lord commanded the fish to vomit up Jonah onto dry ground)
9. What came to Jonah after he had been vomited out of the belly of the fish? (Jonah 3:1: The Word of the Lord came to Jonah)
10. How many times now had the Lord given Jonah the message to go to the people of Nineveh? (Jonah 3:1-2: After being in the belly of the fish, this was Jonah's second time to hear the call of the Lord to go to the people of Nineveh)
11. What different reaction did Jonah have in response to the second time the Word of the Lord came to him? (Jonah 3:3: Jonah obeyed the Word of the Lord and went to Nineveh)
12. What was the response of the people of Nineveh & the leadership of Nineveh to the message from Jonah about the wrath of God that was coming upon them? (Jonah 3:4-5: The Ninevites believed the message from God and declared a fast and put on sackcloth. Even the king of Nineveh after hearing the message covered himself with sackcloth and went to sit in the dust)
13. What was God's reaction to seeing the repentance of the people and their turn from evil? (Jonah 3:10: When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring destruction upon them.)
14. What was Jonah's response to the repentance of the people of Nineveh? (Jonah 4:1: Jonah was greatly displeased and

became angry with the reaction of the people and God's grace upon their lives)

15. How does Jonah describe the character of God in response to seeing the compassion of the Lord upon Nineveh? (Jonah 4:2: Jonah describes God as gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.)
16. Even amidst Jonah's anger and frustration, what did the Lord provide for Jonah? (Jonah 4:6: The Lord provided a vine and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort)
17. What question did the Lord ask Jonah multiple times in response to his anger? (Jonah 4:4, 9: The Lord asked Jonah, "Have you any right to be angry?")
18. How big was the city of Nineveh that the Lord was concerned about? (Jonah 4:11: The Lord was concerned about the souls of those living in Nineveh, a number that was more than 120,000.)

Discussion Questions:

1. When we receive the call of God upon our lives, what should it always stand in correlation with? Why? (Jeremiah 1:4) [The call of God should always stand in line with the desire of His Word as God is a God who is consistent and non-contradictory, thus, anything that He would tell us would align itself with His Word.]
2. What do you sense the Lord may be calling you to in your life?
3. Why can we as Christians have peace regarding that which the Lord is calling us to? (Jeremiah 1:5, 8) [We can have peace in what the Lord is calling us to as He already foreknows what it is and promises to be with us and to rescue us in whatever we would encounter.]
4. What kind of people is God able to use? How should this encourage us? (Jeremiah 1:6-7) [God is able to use all men, young or old, great or small, which is encouraging as often times when we look at our life, we feel inadequate for the work that God has set in front of us.]
5. What kind of faith are we showing we have in God when we look to our weaknesses and our problems? (Jeremiah 1:6-7) [When we look to our weaknesses and problems we are focusing on ourselves and thinking of what we would either

- have to do or not do in order to achieve the plans that God has for us, thus our faith is in essence not in God but in us.]
6. Rather than looking to our physical and outward appearance, what should we be looking at? (Jeremiah 16-7) [We should be looking to the power of the Lord and His power at work through our shortcomings, whatever physical or outward appearance we would have.]
 7. Does the Lord always call us to do the easy things that we would want to do? (Jonah 1:1-2) [No, the Lord at times calls us to do things that seem hard, difficult, and undesirable]
 8. Can we ever truly “run away” from the calling of the Lord? Why or why not? (Jonah 1:3) [We can never escape the calling of the Lord for we see that wherever we go, the Lord is there, continually using circumstances around us to bring us back unto himself]
 9. What do we see about the character of God when we cry out to Him for forgiveness and restoration? (Jonah 3:1) [We see that God is a God who gives us second chances. Even while we fail and go our own way, the Lord is still willing to use us and work through us for His glory]
 10. When have you seen the Lord give you a second chance?
 11. What is the Lord able to do through His Word when we are faithful preachers of it? (Jonah 3:4-5) [The Lord is able to use His Word in the lives of those who hear it to bring them to repentance and faith with no work or personal ambition of our own to help]
 12. What importance is there that the character of God is one of graciousness and compassion? (Jonah 3:10, 4:2) [Without the Lord’s grace and compassion upon our lives when we turn to Him in repentance, none of us would ever be able to be spared from the Lord’s wrath that we are deserving of because of our sin]
 13. How have you seen the compassion of the Lord in your own life?
 14. How has God shown His compassion to all mankind through Jesus Christ? (Romans 5:8)
 15. Even amidst our angry and upset attitude in the ministry and the work that God would call us to, how do we see the Lord’s faithfulness in the example of the Lord providing a vine for Jonah? How should this encourage us? (Jonah 4:6) [In providing a vine for Jonah, that he would receive shade and rest, we see that God is looking for how to best care for us and show us His faithfulness even when the ministry is hard. Thus

we can go forward in the ministry in confidence, knowing that the Lord will be with us]

83. Okubonabona olw'enjiri

Emeeri ya Paulo eyayononeka

(Ebikolwa 27:27-28:10)

Obwiire sawa nga mukaaga, nga dhaakawera ennaku ikumi n'aina nga ennhandha ya Aduliya ekaatudaaza, abantu abaali ku meeri baabona nti baali balikumpi okutuuka ku lukalu. Baapima baabona nti amaadhi gaali futi kikumi n'abiri obuwanvu okujaa wansi oluvainuma lw'akaseera katono baairamu okupima babona nti buti amaadhi gaali futi kyenda obuwanvu. Nga tulikutya nti tuyinza okuserera tweekuba ku mabaale, baasuula amasika ana ku kiwenda memale baalindirira obwiire bukya. Nga balikugezaaku okulumuka okuva ku meeri abaali ku meeri baisa eryaato wansi ku nnhandha nga b'ekola nga abajaa okwisa amasiika ku nsanda. Awooni Paulo yaakoba omukulu w'abasirikale n'abasirikale nti, "Okutolaakunga abasadha bano basigala ku meeri timwidha kowonezebwa." Olwekyo abaserikale baasala emiguwa egyaali gisibye eryaato baaleka lyaagwa ku nnhandha lyaagya.

Nga bunatera okukya Paulo yaabegayirira bonabona balye kummeere era yaakoba nti, "Okumala ennaku ikumi n'ainaa edhakabitawo mubaire nga buli kiseera muli mukweralikirira era nga timulya musiiba-wazira kantu konakona kemubaire mulya. Mpegaano mbegayirire mulyeku kummere. Mwetaaga okulya kummere okusobola okubaawo. Wazira waire mulala kwimwe aidha kufirwa waire luviri lulala okuva ku mutwegwe." Bwe yamala okwogera atyo, yaagema omugaati y'ebaaza Katonda mu maiso gaibwe bonabona. Yaagumenhamu male yaatandiika okugulya. Bonabona baaguma emyoyo era boona baalyaku. Okutwalira awalala bonabona abaali ku meeri baali bibiri na nsanvu na mukaaga, bwe bamala okwiguta emmere bawewula emeeri baasuula engaano mu nnhandha.

Obwiire bwe bwakya nga ni w'ebaali tibakaamanhawo olukalu tibakaalutegeera, baabona olukalu oluliko omusenu, baasalawo nti awo webabe batwaale emeeri singa kyaali kisoboka. Baakutula amasika, baagaleka mu nnhandha era mukiseera kirala ekyo baasumulula emiguwa egyekasi egoba, awooni baawanika ettanga mu mpewo eyaliwo memale baaja kwitale. Aye emeeri yaabanda ogubaale gw'omusenu yaayemerera Ensanda yaaserera yaanweera yaaloba kwenenia era ekiwenda kyamenhekamu obutundutundu olwamaanhi gamayengo agakikuba.

Abaserikale baateesa baasalawo okwitaa abasibe, okulobera waire

mulala ati okwewuuga atoloke. Aye omukulu w'abaserikole yayenda okuwonia obulamu bwa Paulo balema kumwita era awooni yabalobera okujaa mumaiso n'entekoteka dhaibwe edhokwitaa abasibe. Yalagira nti abo abaali basobola okwewuga batuume bagwe mu madhi b'ewuuge bajee ku lukalu. Abasigalawo baali nga baakujjira ku butundutudu bw'emeeri. Munkola eno bonabona baasobola okutuuka ku lukalu mirembe awazira mitawana.

Bwe twamala okutuuka ku lukalu mu mirembe awazira mitawana, twakizuula nti ekizinga kye twaliku bakyeeta Merita. Abantu ab'okukizinga kino baatulaga ekisa ekinene ekitali kya bulidho. Baakuma omuliro era baatukoba twenatwena tujee twote omuliro kubanga amaadhi gaali galikutonha nga n'empewo nnhingi. Aye Paulo bwe yakunganya omuganda gw'obuku naaguta mu muliro, embalasila yaavamu olw'eibugumu yaamweripa ku mukono. Banakizinga bwe baabona omusota nga gwewubira ku mukono gwa Paulo bayogeragania benebene baakoba nti, "Ono omusadha atekwa okuba omwisi w'abantu lwakuba nti waire nga yawonha okuva ku nnhandha omusango gwe yaiza tigumuganha kusigala nga mulamu." Aye Paulo omusota yagukunkumulira mu muliro era mweene tiyatukaku kabi konakona ku mubiri gwe. Aye banakizinga baalwoowa nti ob'olyawo Paulo aidha kuzimba yenayena oba aidha kugwa wansi affe, aye oluvainuma lw'okulinda akaseera akaweraku era nga balikubona nti wazira kibi kirikumubaaku ku mubirigwe baakyuka ebirowoozo baakoba nti Paulo katonda.

Kumpiawo waaliwo ensuku edhaali edh'omusadha erinha lye nga ni Pabulio, yali nga n'omukulu w'ekizinga kino. Yatwaniriza ewuwe mu makaage era okumala ennaku isatu nga tusagambira ewuwe. Baaba wa Pabulio yali alwaire omusudha ne kidukano era nga ali mubuliri yeebwiise. Paulo yaja yaingira omulwaire mweyali okumubona, era oluvainuma lw'okumusabira, yamutaaku omukono era omulwaire yaawona. Kino bwe kyamala okubaawo, abantu abandi abaali abalwaire ku kizinga baidha era Paulo yaabawonia. Baatuwa ebitiibwa ebya bulingeri era bwe twaali tulikutekateka okuvaayo baatuwa buli kantu konakona ketwaali twenda.

Study Questions: Okubonabona olw'enjiri **Emeeri ya Paulo eyayononeka** **(Ebikolwa 27:27-28:10)**

Introduction:

Many times amidst our ministry we can be burdened and suppressed by events that come our way. These can be things that come against us as a result of the work of Satan, the cause and events of the world around us, or unbelievers that are seeking to persecute and harm those that are followers of Christ. As a result of us Christians sharing the gospel, Satan would like nothing less than the chance to tear us down or discourage us by the circumstances around us. When talking with his disciples, Jesus addresses this and promises his disciples that in this world there will be suffering (John 16:33). However, Jesus goes on to tell his disciples to take heart because he has overcome the world and promises to be with them, to the very end of the age (Matthew 28:20).. For us as post-modern believers, these same promises apply to us as we have Christ as our Lord and Savior. Therefore, even though we might have to suffer for a little while we are on this earth, we can rejoice in that suffering for the gospel because we know that in it, God has a plan and a purpose to receive glory from that situation and will use it to draw others unto Him!

Goals:

Knowledge – To come to understand that at times the Lord chooses to use our suffering to bring glory to His name; To come to realize that the pains that we experience are at times tests of our character and perseverance as we are running the race of faith; To remember that no matter how great the suffering seems at time, that the Lord promises to be with us and sustain us through them

Attitude – To not have a spirit of timidity, but rather to have the spirit that God desires to give us of power, love, and self-discipline (2 Timothy 1:7)

Actions – To go forward in confidence toward the things of this world as we know that the Lord already knows what is to come and what we have ahead of us, and that we can rest in His will knowing that He loves us and has a plan and purpose for our lives

Memory Verse:

1 Peter 4:16 “However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.”

Scriptures for your study:

James 1:2-3; Matthew 5:10-12; John 15:18-20; Acts 14:21-22; Romans 8:35-39; 2 Corinthians 4:8-11; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 16; John 16:33

Questions about the Story:

Acts 27

1. In what situation do we find Paul as he is along on his journey across the Adriatic Sea? (Verses 27: Paul was in the situation where he had been in the middle of a great storm for a period of 14 days)
2. What did the sailors who were with Paul have a fear of? Why? (Verses 27-29: The sailors feared that they were approaching land and would be dashed against the rocks. This fear came about as when they took soundings, they found that they were 120 feet deep and then during a later sounding only 90 feet deep)
3. What were some of the solutions that the sailors attempted to implement in order to save their lives? (Verses 29-30: The sailors dropped four anchors from the stern, prayed for daylight, and let down the lifeboat in an attempt to escape from the ship)
4. What did Paul tell the centurion and soldiers to do in regard to the sailors that were trying to escape? What was the response of the centurion and soldiers? (Verses 31-32: Paul told the centurion and soldiers that unless the sailors stayed with the ship, they wouldn't be saved. The centurion and the soldiers listened to Paul and cut the lifeboat free from the boat)
5. Why did Paul urge everyone to eat? How long had it been since they had eaten food? (Verses 33-34: It had been 14 days since the others on the boat had eaten anything. Paul explains that they needed it to survive and encourages to eat)
6. What did Paul do in front of those on the ship after encouraging them to eat in order to maintain their strength? (Verse 35: He took some bread and gave thanks to God in front of them)
7. What was the response of those on the boat to Paul's admonition to take time to eat in order to survive the storm? (Verse 36: They were all encouraged and ate some food)
8. How many were on board the ship along with Paul? (Verse 37: Altogether there were 276 people on board the ship)

9. What was seen by the sailors when daylight came? (Verse 39: The sailors saw a bay with a sandy beach, however, they did not recognize the land)
10. What did the sailors decide to do in order to proceed? (Verses 39-40: The sailors decided to run the ship aground the beach if possible. They cut loose the anchors, cut loose the ropes around the rudders, and hoisted the foresail to the wind and headed for the beach.)
11. What setback did the sailors have in their ambition to get to the shore? (Verse 41: The ship struck a sandbar and ran aground. They bow stuck fast and would not move and the stern was broken to pieces by the pounding of the surf.)
12. How was Paul's life spared from the soldiers who wanted to kill the prisoners? (Verses 42-43: When the centurion wanted to spare Paul's life and therefore kept the soldiers from carrying out their plan)
13. By route of swimming and getting to shore by planks or on pieces of the ship, how many made it to land? (Verse 44: Everyone reached the safely in these manners)

Acts 28

1. What was the weather condition upon arriving at the island of Malta? (Verses 1-2: Upon their arriving at the island, the crew from the ship found themselves in weather that was raining and cold)
2. How was there a glimpse of blessing amidst the hardship of the weather conditions? (Verse 2: The islanders that were on Malta welcomed those from the ship with unusual kindness and built them a fire)
3. What dangerous condition did Paul encounter as he went to gather wood for the fire? (Verse 3: As Paul put the wood that he had gathered on the fire, a viper was driven out by the heat and fastened on to Paul's hand)
4. What was the response of Paul and what were the effects that he encountered? (Verse 5: Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects)
5. What other blessing did Paul and his fellow men encounter on the island of Malta? (Verse 7: There was an estate nearby that belonged to the chief official of the island who welcomed them to his house for three days)
6. What opportunity was Paul given during this time with the chief official and others during the three days in Malta? (Verses 8-9: Paul was able to pray and bring healing to the father of the chief official who had been sick in bed as well as

was able to cure those that came across the island to see him for healing)

7. Amidst the trouble of being shipwrecked on this island, how did God provide for Paul and his companions? (Verse 10: God provided for Paul in his companions by placing in the hearts of the islanders to equip them with what they needed for their trip)

Discussion Questions:

1. What have been some situations in your life that you have had to go through that have been hard and difficult because of the gospel of Jesus Christ? What have been some of the difficult things that you have had to go through right now in your life?
2. Why is it that we will find ourselves in hard and suffering situations because we are believers? [We will find ourselves in hard situations ultimately because God allows them into our life in order to test and try our faith and draw us more unto Himself. He is not the cause of pain and suffering, but He chooses to use the pain and suffering that we encounter as Christians (from the Devil and those who would persecute us) in order to fit into His perfect plan and will for our lives]
3. What are the different responses that we can have as a Christian when we encounter things that are difficult in our lives? [We can either choose to respond in fear, terror, and can lose heart and hope in the situation, or we can place our hope and our confidence in the Lord knowing that He has everything in control]
4. What were the sailors afraid of that Paul was not afraid of? Why? (Acts 27:27-29) [That which the sailors were afraid of was the loss of their lives, to which Paul was not afraid of as he knew that to be absent from the body was to be present with the Lord.]
5. What example did Paul set for the rest of those that were on the ship before they were about to eat, even though they were in a difficult predicament? (Acts 27:35) [Paul gave thanks to God for the food that they were to eat, acknowledging Him as the One that was watching over them]
6. In what ways can you be setting an example for those around you when you are faced with sufferings and hardships?
7. Amidst all of the problems that Paul faced, how can we see the Lord's help and protection of him and the others on the ship? [Paul and companions all safely made it to shore, Paul and the other prisoners were not executed by the soldiers on the ship,

the crew was able to warm up from the fire amidst cold weather, Paul was spared from the bite of a viper, and the islanders showed unusual kindness to the sailors upon their arrival, including the provision of supplies for the continuance of there trip after 3 days]

8. What encouragement can we have knowing that the Lord is the God that guards us and protects us?
9. How did Paul use the negative circumstance of being shipwrecked on an island to minister to the people there? (Acts 28: 8-9) [Paul prayed for the father of the chief official in order that he be healed as well as others that needed to be cured that lived on the island]
10. What are some of the ways that you can use the negative situations around you as an opportunity for ministry?

84. Koloneeriyo aikiriza (Ebikolwa 10:1-8, 17-48)

Ekayisaliya yaliyo omuntu nga erinhalye bamweta Koloneeriyo. Yali omuserikale omukulu mukibindha ekyabaItaaliano. Koloneeriyo n'ab'omumakaage bonabona baali nga baikiriza era nga batya Katonda; era yagabiranga inho abo bonabona abaalina mubwetaavu era nga bulikiseera asaba eri Katonda. Olunaku lulala sawa nga mwenda edh'olweigulo yabonekerwa. Yabona bulungi inho Malaika ya Katonda eyaidha we yali yaamukoba nti, "Koloneeriyo." Awooni Koloneeriyo yaamulingirira aye nga ayidwiire okutya yaabuza nti, "Kiki Mukama?"

Malaika yaamwiramu yaamukoba nti, "Okusaba kwo ni ky'obaire okola okugabira abaavu ebirabo kwidye waiguli mu maiso ga Katonda nga okugaba kwawaigulu einho. Buti tuma abantu e Yopa bajee batoleyo omusadha gwe beeta Simooni nga n'erinhalya eryokubiri ni Petero bamwize wano. Atyama ni Simooni omuwaazi w'amaliba, ennhumbaye eri kumpi n'ennhandha."

Malaika eyayogera naye bwe yajaa, Koloneeriya yaayeta babiri ku bawerezabe n'omuserikole eyali omwikiriza einho era eyali omu ku bawerezabe ab'okumpi einho. yabakobera ebintu byona ebyaali bibairewo era awooni yaabatuma okujaa e Yopa.

Peteero nga akaagezaaku okutegeera amakulu g'okubonekerwa bw'eyabonekerwa, abasadha Koneeriyo beyatuma baazuula enhumba ya Simooni we yali era baaja bayemerera ku lwigi lw'enhumba. Baayeta baabuza oba Simooni gwe baali baakazaku eriinhalya Peteero yali atyama awomunhumba eyo.

Peteero yali akaalooza kukubonekerwa, omwoyo yaamukoba nti, "Simooni waliwo abasadha basatu abalikunonia. Olwekyo situka oike oje wansi w'enhumba. Otaloba kujaa nabo kubanga ninze mbatumye." Peteero yaika yaajaa wansi w'enhumba yaakoba abasadha nti, "Ninze gwemulikunonia lwaki mwidye wano?"

Abasadha bairamu baakoba nti "Tuva wa Koloneeriyo omwami w'ekitundu. Muntu mutukirivu era omusadha atya Katonda, era aBayudaaya bonabona gwe baisaamu ekitiibwa Malayika omutukuvu yamukobyekubona oidhe mu nhumbaye asobole okuwulira kyolina okumukoba." Awooni Peteero yaayaniriza abasadha bano okwingira mu nhumba babe abagenibe.

Olunaku olwairiraku Peteero yaajaa n'abasadha bano era n'abandhi kub'olugandalwe okuva Yopa boona baaja nabo. Olunaku olwairirako baatuuka. Peteero yaatuka eKayisaliya. Koluneeriyo yali nga abalindirire era yali nga ayese ab'olugandalwe ni mikwano gye egyokumpi einho okuidha ewuwe okubaawo. Peteero bwe yaingira munhumba Koluneeriyo yayaganana naye yaafukamira kubigerebye yaamusinza. Aye Peteero yaamusitula yaamukoba nti, "Yemerera. Nze zeena ndi muntu buntu."

Nga bwayogera naye, Peteero yaingira munhumba era eyo yeyayagaana abantu bangi nga bakungaine. Yaabakoba nti, "Mukiidhi bulungi nti tikirungi era tikiikirizibwa mu mateeka gaiffe omuntu omuyudaaya okwesembereza omunamawanga oba okumukyalira. Aye Katonda andaze nti nteeta muntu yenayena ow'omuzizo oba atali muyondho mumutima. Olwekyo abantu bwebatumibwa okwidha okundeta naidha awazira kudaaza muntu yenayena nti tyenda kwidha kyenva mbuuzi nti kiki kye mwandetera?"

Koluneeriyo yaairamu yaakoba nti, "Ennaku inaa edhibise nali ndi munhumba yange nga nsaba kusawa nga eno dhaali sawa nga mwenda edh'olweigulo. Awooni omusadha eyali mungoye edhaali timasamasa yayemerere mu maiso gange era yaakoba nti, 'Koluneeriyo, Katonda awulire okusabakwo era yaaidhukira ebirabo bye wawa abaavu. Olwekyo tuma abantu bajee eYopa bayete Simooni gwe baakazaaku erinya lya Peteero bamukobe aidhe. Yakyaala era mugeni mu nhumba ya Simooni omuwazi wamaliba, atyama okumpi n'enhandha.' Olwekyo amangu ago nakutumira era kirungi nti oidye. Mpegaano twenatwena tuliwano mu maiso ga Katonda okuwuliriza buli kintu Mukama kya kulagiire okutukobera."

Awooni Peteero yaatandika okwogera yaakoba nti, "Mpegaano nkibona nti kituufu nti Katonda tasosola mu bantu aye aikiriza abantu okuva mu buli iwanga abo abamutya era abakola ekituufu. Muidhi obubaka katonda bwe yatumira abantu balsaraeli nga abakobera amawulire amalungi ag'emirembe mu Yesu Kurisito (Mukama w'eibantu byonabyona) Mwidhi ekibairewo mu Buyudaaya yonayona nga kisokera e Galiraaya oluvainuma lw'okubatiza Yokaana kwe yabulira. Engeri Yesu omunazaaleesi Katonda bweyamufukaku amafuta n'omwoyo omutukuvu n'obuyinza, era n'engeri gye yajaanga buli wantu nga akola ebirungi era nga awonia abo bonabona abaali mu buyinza bwa setaani kubanga Katonda yali naye.

Tuli bajulirwa ba buli kintu kye yakola muni yaabayudaaya ni mu

yerusaalemi. Baamwita bwe bamuwanika ku muti. Aye kulunaku olw'okusatu Katonda yamuzukuza okuva mubafu era yaamulaga mulwaatu baamubona. Tibantu bonabona abaamubona aye yobanebwa abajulirwa katonda beyali amaze okulondamu, yaboneebwa iffe abaalya era nitunomia naye nga amaze okuzukira okuva mubafu. Yatulagira okubulira abantu nga n'okuwa obudhulizi nti niye Katonda gwe yalonda okuba omusazi w'emisango egyabalamu n'abafu. Bannabi bonabona bamuwaako obudhulizi nti bulimuntu amwikiriza afuna okusoniwibwa yaatolebwaku ebibi olw'erinha lye."

Peteero nga akaajaa mu maiso n'okwogera ebigambo bino omwoyo omutukuvu yaidha ku bonabona abawulira ebigambo bino. Abaikiriza abakomole, abaidha ni Peteero b'ewunia inho okubona nti ekirabo ky'omwoyo omutukuvu kyaali kifukiibwa ni kubanamawanga boona. Kubanga baabawulira nga b'ogera mu nnimi era nga bagulumiza Katonda.

Awooni Peteero yaakoba nti, "Omuntu yenayena asobola okulobera abantu bano okubatzibwa n'amadhi? Bafunie omwoyo omutukuvu nga iffe bwetugufunie." Olw'ekyo yaalagira nti babatzibwe mu liinha lya Yesu Kurisito. Male baasaba Peteero abe nabo okumala ennaku ntono diti.

Study Questions: Koluneeriyo aikiriza (Ebikolwa 10:1-8, 17-48)

Introduction:

Often in Christendom, we get so comfortable telling the message of the gospel solely to those who are around us in our local congregation or our own culture. This is a great error and problem for the church as the heart of God is that people from every nation, tribe, and tongue would come to know and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Therefore, as believers, instead of looking to those who are only in our direct sphere of influence, we instead need to look at how we can be bridging the gap and reach some of those who may be from a different background or culture, as God equally cares just as much for their salvation as He does for ours.

Goals:

Knowledge -To understand God desires salvation for all people and commands us to be His hands and feet to deliver the gospel message to others; To realize that Christ has done the work by dying sacrificially for all people and we are to proclaim it.

Attitude - To not exclude anyone from the gospel message, but have the heart of God for all mankind and love for the lost to turn in repentance.

Actions - To proclaim the love of God and the salvation we have in Christ to all men, bridging racial, ethnical, gender, age, or cultural differences to make that salvation known.

Memory Verses:

Romans 10:12-14 "For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"

Scriptures for your study:

Romans 10:8-17; Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Timothy 2:4; Acts 1:8; Acts 8:26-40; Galatians 2:11-16; Matthew 9:36-38

Questions about the Story:

1. Who was Cornelius and what was his spiritual background? (Verses 1-2: Cornelius was a centurion in the Italian Regiment and he and his family were devout and God fearing. He gave generously to the needy and prayed to God regularly.)
2. What did Cornelius see in the vision he received from the Lord? (Verse 3: Cornelius distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and called him by name.)
3. What was Cornelius' reaction to seeing the angel? (Verse 4: Upon seeing the angel, Cornelius stared at him in fear asking, 'What is it, Lord?')
4. What did the angel command for Cornelius to do? (Verses 5-6: The angel commanded Cornelius to send for Simon called Peter who lived in Joppa with Simon the tanner.)
5. What was Cornelius' immediate reaction to the message from the angel that had come to him? (Verses 7-8: Cornelius called two servants and a devout soldier and sent them to Joppa to get Peter.)
6. What did the Spirit of God come and tell Peter about the three men who had come looking for him? (Verses 19-20: The Spirit of God came to Peter and told him to not hesitate to go with the three men as they were sent by the Spirit.)
7. What reason did the three men give Peter as to why they had come? (Verses 21-22: The men told Peter that they had come from Cornelius who had seen a holy angel that had told him to have Peter come and to listen to his words.)
8. What was Peter's response to Cornelius falling at his feet in reverence? (Verses 25-26: Peter made him get up and told Cornelius that he was only a man himself, thus not to be revered.)
9. What realization did God reveal to Peter about the worth of any man? (Verse 28: Peter came to realize by the Lord's grace that he should not call any man impure or unclean)
10. With what kind of attitude did Peter go where the men & ultimately God were leading him? (Verse 29: Even though he didn't know why he was being sent to where he was, he came without raising any objection.)
11. Why does God accept men from every nation who fear him and do what is right? (Verses 34-35: God accepts men from every nation and who fear him as He is not a God that shows favoritism.)
12. With the audience that Cornelius had assembled, what did Peter begin to do? (Verses 36-43: Peter began to tell the

people the message of the good news of peace through Jesus Christ that was theirs along with the forgiveness of sins.)

13. What happened to the people who were listening while Peter was still speaking to them? (Verse 44: While Peter was still speaking to them, the Holy Spirit came on all of them who had heard the message.)
14. What did Peter order to be done after it was evidenced that they had received the Holy Spirit? (Verses 47-48: Upon seeing them receive the Holy Spirit, Peter ordered for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.)

Discussion Questions:

1. Why can we not dictate who is able to come to the Lord and who is not? (Verses 1-6) [We as Christians cannot be selective over who we think should be able to come to the Lord in faith as it is impossible for us to know for certain what kind of work the Holy Spirit may be doing in their lives.]
2. Who are some of those that you have a difficult time showing Christ's love to? What are some ways that you can reach out to them and begin to show them Christ's love?
3. What is our motivation to show love to those who are perishing? (1 John 4:19) [We are to love those around us as Christ has first loved us.]
4. What is it that brings a man or a woman to faith in Jesus Christ? How should this serve as an encouragement for us? (Verse 44) [We recognize that it is only the Holy Spirit and the Word of God that touches hearts and lives around us, thus, this should encourage us as the task of bringing people to salvation is not a role that we need to strive to fulfill, as it is perfectly fulfilled by the Lord.]
5. What should our response be as Christians knowing that it is the Holy Spirit that is working to ordain situations for people to come to faith and directing both their path and ours? (Verses 19-20) [Realizing that it is the Holy Spirit that is at work to bring men to salvation, we should pray that the Holy Spirit would bring situations into our life, ordained by Him, for us to share our faith and that He would open our eyes to them.]
6. What should be our reaction when the Lord calls us to go somewhere or to do something for Him? (Verse 29) [Whenever the Lord commands us to do something, we should most willingly do it without objection knowing that God

knows the plans that He has for our lives and that our lives are in His hands.]

7. What have been some of the things that the Lord has been calling you to do? What has your response been?
8. What does it mean that God is not a God who shows favoritism? (Verses 34-35) [For God to not be a God who shows favoritism means that He is a God that isn't selecting a certain person over another based on any external differences or qualifications but that all men are equal in the eyes of the Lord. What truly matters isn't what a man has, but in whom he has placed his trust in.]
9. Would you be willing to bridge a cultural gap or a language barrier in order to make known the mystery of the gospel? How can you be reaching those for Christ who have never heard?
10. What is the simple message that we have to proclaim to all men? (Verses 36-43) [The simple message that we have to proclaim and that the world has to receive is that Christ died for the remission of our sins, so that we might have eternal life in His name through being united to God the Father through Him.]