GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

Life application materials for use in Life Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

1. **Reformation Review:** Read the "Lutheran Reformation History" page in the worship folder. Picture Luther standing before the most powerful man in Europe and confessing: "Here I stand!" What emotions fill your heart? Pride? Admiration? A questioning of your own faith? Something else?

2. **Reformation Faith:** Read Romans 3:19-28. What phrases in this section reassure you that you are saved by faith alone, and not by your obedience to God's law?

3. **Reformation Courage:** Read Daniel 6.
   a. What similarities do you see in Daniel's "Lion's Den" experience and Martin Luther's experience at the Diet of Worms?

   b. What qualities do you see in Daniel that you would like to imitate?

   c. Daniel and Luther's courageous stands resulted in God being glorified? Share a modern-day courageous stand that either you or someone you know took that resulted in God's name being glorified.

4. **Reformation Heritage:** Below are some of the blessings the Church reclaimed through the Lutheran Reformation. Review as a group what each of these statements mean. Which do you treasure the most?

   a. The Bible translated into the language of the people

   b. The congregation participates in worship.

   c. Every believer is a "priest" privileged to serve God.

   d. Understanding the blessings of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

5. **Reformation for a Dystopian World:** Society often imagines a gloomy future. How do Reformation Truths enable you to have a much more positive view of the future?

NoteSheet
Sermon Outline
Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

"HEAR I STAND!" (It's What We DO)

Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23

TRUE OR FALSE *"Nothing will change in HOW I live…come this election day."*

1. "WHEN JESUS IS MY KING"

"What to do? What to do?" asked Daniel.

ANSWER: _____

The Christian's **O** _____ **S** _____.

"Come what may…"

Daniel had seen a thing or 2 … in **S** _____ … in **L** _____

NOT Public Protest, but living out of his **P** _____ Relationship with the Living God

2. "WHEN JESUS IS MY 'WHY' "

"Oh, the IMPACT of God's people as we live…

People might **N** _____

People might **A** _____

"…by HOW we die!"

Did Daniel SEE Jesus? ____, but _____ !!

And Jesus was the K _____ of his H _____!

Next Steps

Keep praying…even when it costs you. As Christians, we stand firmly on God's Word—trusting his promises rather than giving in to pressure from the world. **(Acts 5:29)**

Trust the Lord who delivers us. God delivered Daniel from the lions, yet he does not promise to spare us from ***every*** earthly hardship. However, he does promise to prepare his people to STAND, come what may. **(Luke 12:11-12)**