

## Answers: Lesson SEVEN: CLI Leadership Bible Study

*How to positively influence the attitudes and actions of others for Jesus Christ*

### **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS Lesson 7: THE NAME**

#### **Lesson 7: The Name** (Day One) *Family Honor*

**Definition:** The noun *Name* is a word or phrase by which someone or something is known and distinguished from other people or things. It is what someone or something is called; it can also designate a good reputation or a bad one.

1. Do you or have you ever had a nickname? If so, what is it and how did it come about?

**Personal Answer**

#### **Read 1 Peter 4:16 and answer questions 2-4:**

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

2. As a believer, what name does one bear (marked by)?

**Christian**

**FYI Bible Ministers:** The Greek word for "Christian," is *Christianos*. This means "follower of Christ; Christian." According to Hayford's Bible Handbook (p. 570): The word occurs three times in the New Testament. The designation of the early followers of Christ as Christians was initiated by the non-Christian population of Antioch (Acts 11:26), and originally it was probably a term of mocking or derision – "little Christs." Eventually, however, Christians used it of themselves as a name of honor, not of shame (Acts 26:28; I Peter 4:16). Prior to their adoption of the name, the Christians called themselves believers (Acts 5:14), brothers (Acts 6:3), or saints (Acts 9:13), names which also continued to be used...."  
(<http://www.livingway.org/library/faq/faq100.html>)

3. What name do *you* now bear?

**Personal Answer but hopefully Christian**

4. If you are able to call yourself Christian, who are *you* named after?

Jesus Christ

**Read Galatians 5:22-25 and answer questions 5-6:**

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,<sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.<sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.<sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.* Galatians 5:22-25 (underlining by author for emphasis)

5. What are some personal characteristics of those who carry this name (v.22-23)?

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

6. Choose one of the above characteristics or personality traits that we identify as the fruit of the Spirit and share how this trait has developed since you have been called Christian?

Personal Answer

*He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.* Psalm 23:3

7. Read Psalm 23:3. God guides you in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

**Read Ezekiel 20:9 and fill in the blanks in question 8:**

*But for the sake of my name I did what would keep it from being profaned in the eyes of the nations they lived among and in whose sight I had revealed myself to the Israelites by bringing them out of Egypt.* Ezekiel 20:9

8. God says that for the sake of His name He did what would keep it from being profaned in the eyes of the nations that they (Israelites) lived among and in whose sight He had revealed Himself to the Israelites.

Definition: Profaned - treated irreverently or without respect.

9. Can you share a time when God extended grace to you in a difficult situation in which you were about to fail His name? What did you learn through this experience?

Personal Answer

**Read Ephesians 5:1-2 and answer questions 10-11:**

*Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children<sup>2</sup> and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*  
Ephesians 5:1-2

10. Who are we suppose to imitate (v. 1)?

God

11. How did our model Jesus live a life of love (v. 2)?

Jesus died willing to pay for our sins. He gave His life to save ours.

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**Personal Application:**

12. Prayerfully consider how you might live a life of love today just as Christ Jesus. Share how the Holy Spirit leads you and the results, noting how your actions honored God's name:

Personal Answer

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**Lesson 7: The Name (Day Two) Righteous is His Name**

13. As a leader that others will look to and emulate (imitate), what can you do to elevate the name Christian to a higher and holier standard?

Personal Answer

Bible Minister: If your Learner is short on ideas, here are a few: pray for grace to be set apart (holy), walk in the Spirit, read and study the Bible for personal character development, give Christ credit for good works, and work with God in crucifying the sinful nature or flesh.

**Read Psalm 99:1-3 and answer questions 14-15:**

*The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.<sup>2</sup> Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.<sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name-- he is holy. Psalm 99:1-3*

14. Who is to praise God's great and awesome name (v.1, 3)?

The nations, hence everyone

15. How do you praise the LORD and His holy name?

Personal Answer

**Definition:** YHWH (יהוה) is "God's name in Hebrew known by the technical term 'Tetragrammaton' (Greek, meaning four letters), these are the four consonants which make up the divine name (Exodus 3:15; found more than 6,000 times in the Old Testament). The written Hebrew language did not include vowels, only the consonants were used; thus readers supplied

the vowels as they read.”<sup>1</sup> Yahweh (Yah weh) is the same Hebrew name with vowels added and is translated LORD in Psalm 99:1-2 above.

**Read Philippians 2:9-11 and answer questions 16-18:**

*Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,<sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*  
Philippians 2:9-11

**16.** What is one of God’s names that will cause every knee to bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth at the judgment seat (v. 10)? (also Romans 14:9-11)

**Jesus Christ**

For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.<sup>10</sup> You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.<sup>11</sup> It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God."  
Romans 14:9-11

**17.** Do you bow down to Jesus as Lord in *your* life? Yes No Sometimes (Circle One)

**Personal Answer**

**18.** Why *are* you, or why are you *not* serving Jesus as Lord?

**Personal Answer**

**19.** If you are having difficulty in bowing and serving the Lord, please write below how your Bible Minister might pray for you:

**Personal prayer request. Bible Minister: please make sure that you pray for this Learner’s request and write a comment that you have or that you will pray accordingly. Thank you!!**

**Yahweh Tsidkenu** (Hebrew language transliterated <sup>2</sup>) – **The LORD Our Righteousness**

*Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with righteousness.* Psalm 48:10

**20.** Read Psalm 48:10. Praise for God and His name reaches the ends of the earth because His right hand is filled with:

**Righteousness**

<sup>1</sup> Butler, Trent, “Holman Bible Dictionary”, Holman Bible Publishers, Nashville, TN.,1991. P.1429

<sup>2</sup> Transliterate means to represent (letters or words) in the corresponding characters of another alphabet.

**Definition:** The Hebrew word that we translate righteousness is tsedeq (צֶדֶק). It means that which is right, just, and normal. It also is defined as rightness, justness, and specifically of weights and measures. Right means that someone or something is correct, proper, morally good and appropriate. Just means that someone is fair, impartial, morally correct and reasonable.

**21.** If you or your neighbor were to set the standard of what is right and correct, do you think there would be some bias (prejudice) in that standard? Yes No Maybe (Circle One)

Although personal answer, only a prideful person would think that he could set a standard with no bias and never to be tempted to change it. Of course do not call any Learner prideful.

**22.** Do you think that you or your neighbor might be tempted to adjust or alter that standard according changing feelings or situations? Yes No Maybe (Circle One)

**23.** As a Christian leader, how would you respond to a new Christian who said, "It doesn't matter what I do, it isn't hurting anyone."

We need to consider how our actions affect God. He sets the standard for righteousness and when we miss that standard we have disobeyed Him. This is sin and displeases God. It matters a great deal to God what we do.

**24.** As a Christian leader, how would you respond to professed Christians living together in a sexual relationship before marriage? (Bible Ministers: The following answer is more information than you need but wanted to give you some tools to work with in case your Learners have any questions)

In love and with their best interests at heart explain that the gift of sex is God-given and to be enjoyed only between a husband and a wife in marriage. Sexual immorality, including premarital sex (fornication), is considered wicked in God's eyes (1 Corinthians 6:9-10, 12-20). Homosexuality is wrong and not right under any circumstances even if governments approve of such arrangements and call it marriage (Leviticus 18:22, Romans 1:18-32).

**1 Corinthians 6:9-10** Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders<sup>10</sup> nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

**1 Corinthians 6:12-20** "Everything is permissible for me"-- but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible for me"-- but I will not be mastered by anything.<sup>13</sup> "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food"-- but God will destroy them both. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.<sup>14</sup> By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.<sup>15</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never!<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh."<sup>17</sup> But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.<sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.<sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your body is a

temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;<sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

**Leviticus 18:22** "Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable.

**Romans 1:18-32** The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness,<sup>19</sup> since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.<sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-- his eternal power and divine nature-- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.<sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.<sup>22</sup> Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools<sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.<sup>25</sup> They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator-- who is forever praised. Amen.<sup>26</sup> Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones.<sup>27</sup> In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.<sup>28</sup> Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.<sup>29</sup> They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips,<sup>30</sup> slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents;<sup>31</sup> they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless.<sup>32</sup> Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

In addition, the marriage bed is to be kept pure (Hebrews 13:4). Adultery is wrong and even looking on another lustfully breaks God's standard of righteousness (Matthew 5:27-28).

**Note:** Ignorance of God's laws is not an excuse to sin. Christians are urged to know God's word and will (Psalm 119:11, 2 Timothy 2:15, Joshua 1:8, Romans 12:2 and many others). Everyone will be held responsible for their sins but if a person truly sins in ignorance, he will not be treated as harshly (Luke 12:47-48).

**Luke 12:47-48** "That servant who knows his master's will and does not get ready or does not do what his master wants will be beaten with many blows.<sup>48</sup> But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

**From Lesson:** All of these sins that miss God's standard can be forgiven and overcome in the blood of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 6:11, Galatians 5:16-18). God wants to help us control our bodies and live a righteous life (1Thessalonian 4:3-6). Learn to control your mind and heart, the source of evil thoughts and sexual immorality are birthed (Matthew 15:19-20). The Holy Spirit empowers and enables victory (Romans 8:9, 13-14, 2 Peter 1:3).

**25.** What do you think is wrong with an arbitrary (subjective, random) standard of righteousness?

Personal Answer – but a person would never know right from wrong. The standard could change depending on random or chance circumstances. Impossible to follow.

*I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High. Psalm 7:17*

**26.** Read Psalm 7:17. Do you thank God because of His righteousness? Why or Why not?

Personal Answer - but we should thank God because we can live in peace and security knowing God has given us a standard to know and follow Him. He never changes.

**27.** What if God were righteous but *not* very powerful?

If God were righteous and not very powerful, he could not enforce His laws. His people would have no protection from their enemies, nor be assured of eternal life.

**28.** What if God were all powerful but *not* righteous?

If the LORD were powerful and not righteous, people would not have much peace. We would never be sure of His will or desire for our lives. We would have no way to gauge (determine) our actions or even purpose. You and I would live in constant fear, never knowing what God wanted from us or how to please Him.

*"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.<sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness. Jeremiah 23:5-6*

**29.** In Jeremiah 23:5, who is the righteous Branch, the King? (Acts 7:52)

Jesus Christ

**Acts 7:52** Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him--

God the Father and God the Son share the name, The LORD Our Righteousness.

**30.** How can God be both just and merciful at the same time?

God's justice and mercy met in Christ on the cross. We are the sinners who deserve punishment for our sins and yet God's Son, in mercy, paid the penalty for those crimes. Justice was served and mercy was given in Jesus' blood sacrifice.

*The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone,<sup>24</sup> but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness-- for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.<sup>25</sup> He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.*

Romans 4:23-25 (underlining by author for emphasis)

**Definition:** The word credit has various meanings but in the context of the Romans passage it means that a payment has been recorded to one's account. Abraham was reckoned or credited righteous because he believed in God and His promises (Romans 4:20-22).

**31.** Read Romans 4:23-25. How are we righteous, sharing in God's attribute of righteousness?

**Our righteousness is credited (reckoned, paid) to us through the blood of Jesus Christ who paid the penalty for our sins**

**32.** Believers still sin, so how can you be called to live up to God's standard and be righteous in His sight? (Hebrews 9:14; Ephesians 4:21-24, 1 John 1:8-10, Romans 6)

**Although we do not cherish sin anymore, we can still do wrong things. When this happens, we agree with God that we have sinned and ask forgiveness based on our faith and trust in Christ and his sacrifice on the cross. This is how we live up to God's standard, and are righteous.**

**Hebrews 9:14** How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

**Ephesians 4:21-24** Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.<sup>22</sup> You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;<sup>23</sup> to be made new in the attitude of your minds;<sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

**1 John 1:8-10** If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.<sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

**From Lesson 7:**

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### **Why Christians Continue to Sin**

After we are born again in Christ we are a new creation. Our sins are forgiven and we have God's Spirit to lead us in all righteousness. Clearly, we have the ability to do what is right (Romans 6:11-14) but we do sin (1 John 1:8).

God does not take away our human nature and our ability to choose good from evil (Romans 6:19). We still have free will and we still have Satan and his followers who prowl around looking for someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8). In our natural body we will always be tempted to put ourselves, our comfort and our own satisfaction above others. Plus we continue to live in a fallen and corrupted world that can entice or lure us into sinful activities.

Even Jesus, in his humanity was tempted (Matthew 4:1-11). Satan tried to persuade Jesus to turn rocks into bread when he was hungry, to prove Himself deity by testing God, and to receive His

reward early by false worship. Jesus was perfect and in every temptation he never sinned. He always chose God's way and righteousness.

Jesus lives within the believer and helps us to resist temptation just like He did. We need to allow Jesus to take over and work through us (Philippians 4:13). Once we are saved we begin the process called sanctification. We grow in holiness and purity each day (Hebrews 12:14-15, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8). As a new creation we should not enjoy sin nor should we continue in sinful behaviors.

When we do sin, we are to agree with God that we have done wrong (1 John 1:9). We use our free will to repent, that is, we turn from doing that particular sin. As Jesus taught, we should pray for help to keep us from temptation because the *spirit is willing, but the body is weak* (Mark 14:38). God gives us grace to follow him.

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### **Lesson 7: The Name (Day Three) The Shepherd**

#### **Yahweh Rohi – The LORD is my Shepherd**

*The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.* Psalm 23:1

**33.** Read Psalm 23:1. Who is *your* Shepherd?

**The LORD, God the Father, Jesus Christ, God, or Yahweh**

*for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.* Psalm 95:7a

**34.** Read Psalm 95:7a. Whose pasture and flock do *you* belong to?

**Personal Answer – hopefully the LORD, God the Father, Jesus Christ, God, or Yahweh**

In the Bible sheep are used in various instances to symbolize God's people. God often uses what His people know and understand in the physical world to help them relate to Him in the spiritual world. For example, sheep can wander off, lose sight of the shepherd and become lost. In Isaiah 53:6 God tells us that we are like sheep and go astray (lost, off track).

**35.** What are some ways that *you* are like a sheep?

**Personal Answer**

**From this Lesson:** In the Bible sheep are used in various instances to symbolize God's people. God often uses what His people know and understand in the physical world to help them relate to Him in the spiritual world. For example, sheep can wander off, lose sight of the shepherd and become lost. In Isaiah 53:6 God tells us that we are like sheep and go astray (lost, off track).

**36.** How has God been *your* shepherd?

**Personal Answer**

*Then he blessed Joseph and said, "May the God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, Genesis 48:15*

**37.** Read Genesis 48:15. How long did Jacob (Israel) say that God had been his shepherd?

**All his life to this day**

**Read John 10:11 and answer questions 38-42:**

*"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:11*

**38.** Who is speaking in this verse?

**Jesus**

**39.** Do God the Father and God the Son share the name Shepherd? **Yes** No (Circle One)

**40.** How did the Good Shepherd lay down his life for *you*?

**He died for my sins on the cross. He sacrificed His life so that I might be forgiven and live.**

**41.** Can *you* be a shepherd to a flock or group of people? **Yes** No Maybe (Circle One) Explain your answer:

**We are called to follow in Jesus' steps and shepherd others. We teach and lead them in the ways of God. We can die to ourselves (put others first) and physically die a martyr so that others may know of Christ's sacrifice and the Shepherd.**

1 Peter 5:2 Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers-- not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve;

John 21:16-17 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."<sup>17</sup> The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep.

**42.** As a shepherd following Christ, how do *you* lay down *your* life for your sheep or people?

**Personal Answer**

**Read Revelation 7:17 and answer questions 42-44:**

*For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.*" Revelation 7:17

**43.** What are two other things the Shepherd will do for you as a sheep of His pasture?

(1. He will lead me to springs of living water – eternal life.

(2. He will wipe away every tear from my eyes – take away pain, hurt, sorrow and heartache.

*Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." John 21:16*

**44.** Read John 21:16. What does Jesus ask Peter to do?

Take care of His sheep/people

**45.** He is asking you the same thing? Yes No Maybe (Circle One) Explain your answer:

Personal Answer

**46.** What are some specific ways that a Christian leader is a good shepherd of sheep?  
(Suggestions to get you started: Matthew 4:19, 5:38-42, James 5:13, John 10:9-16, 21:15-17)

Personal Answer, but see suggestions below:

**Matthew 4:19** "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

Evangelism – tell others about Jesus so then can be part of God's flock.

**Matthew 5:38-42** "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.'<sup>39</sup> But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.<sup>40</sup> And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.<sup>41</sup> If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.<sup>42</sup> Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Giving to others especially God's people who are in need.

**James 5:13** Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise.

Pray for believers who are in trouble or in need of help

**John 10:9-16** I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.<sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.<sup>12</sup> The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it.<sup>13</sup> The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.<sup>14</sup> "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me--<sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father-- and I lay down my life for the sheep.<sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that are not of

this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

**Lay down life for other believers\sheep. Help sheep to listen to Jesus' voice and follow Him.**

**John 21:15-17** When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." <sup>17</sup> The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep.

**Teach believers/sheep about God and His ways. Help others in any way so as to give glory to God.**

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**Personal Application:**

**47.** Choose one of the ways that a leader is a good shepherd (see your answer to #45) and apply it to you own life this week. What did you choose to do and how did it work out?

**Personal Answer**

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**Lesson 7: The Name (Day Four) I AM**

**48.** What do you do when any of God's names are misused by friend or foe, in DVDs, CDs etc.?

**Personal Answer – but some ideas - Could ask them in a kind and loving manner to stop. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in what to say and how to say it. Do not watch or listen to DVDs, CDs etc. that misuses God's name. Pray that Hollywood and other film makers would not abuse the name of our Lord.**

**49.** Do you think that God will hold you responsible for your response to other's misuse of His Name? Why? Why Not?

**Personal Answer – but in regard to other Christians, we are to hold each other accountable so that they might repent and be restored to the church. Reference the discipline of a Corinthian believer (2 Cor. 2:6). In regard to non Christians we are responsible to give out the good news and how they might be saved and thus desire to stop misusing God's name.**

**James 5:20** remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

**Matthew 28:19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**YAHWEH – I AM, HE IS**

**Read Exodus 3:13-14 and answer questions 50-51:**

*Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" Exodus 3:13-14*

**50.** When Moses asked God for His name, what name did God give to him (v. 14)?

**I AM WHO I AM; I AM**

**51.** After God gave Moses His name, what further instructions did God give (v. 14)?

**This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'**

**52.** How does studying the name YHWH enlarge your view of God?

**Personal Answer**

**Read John 8:58 and answer questions 53-55:**

*"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"<sup>59</sup> At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds. John 8:58*

**53.** What name does Jesus call Himself?

**I AM**

**54.** When Jesus called Himself "I Am," why did the Jews attempt to stone him? (Leviticus 24:16)

**The Jews understood that Jesus was saying that He was God. He was using the sacred name that God had given to Moses (Exodus 3:13-14). They were using Leviticus 24:16 to justify killing him by stoning.**

**Leviticus 24:16** anyone who blasphemes the name of the LORD must be put to death. The entire assembly must stone him. Whether an alien or native-born, when he blasphemes the Name, he must be put to death.

**55.** What name does God the Father and God the Son share this name but we do not?

**YHWH; I AM; HE IS**

**Read Colossians 1:15-17 and answer questions 56-58:**

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.<sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.<sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:15-17*

**56.** Who is the image of the invisible God (v.15)?

Jesus

**57.** Who do we depend on to keep our world together (v.17)?

Jesus

**58.** Why should Jesus' name be revered and kept holy (v.15-17)?

Jesus is God. Jesus is the Son of God. He is firstborn over all creation, created all things in heaven and earth, He is before all things and in Him all things hold together.

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**Personal Application:**

**59.** Share with someone today or tomorrow the truth of God and Jesus being one and sharing the same holy name, YAWEH. Write about what happened:

Personal Answer

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**Lesson 7: The Name** (Day Five) In His Name

*I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name-- the name you gave me-- so that they may be one as we are one.<sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. John 17:11-12 (Judas was the one doomed to destruction as he denied Christ)*

**60.** Read John 17:11-12. Jesus prayed to the Father to protect His disciples by the power of His name. Since John died in exile and the other ten were martyred, how was Jesus' prayer answered?

Jesus was praying that God would keep the disciples in His name. He wanted the disciples to be one with the Father and Himself rather than being lost to eternal damnation (condemned to hell or eternal punishment). Jesus was not praying that their bodies would remain safe but their souls or spirits would be true to God. Jesus' prayer was answered in that all His disciples except Judas remained faithful, even to death.

**61.** As a leader, how will you adjust or refine your prayers for others, especially for those you are discipling?

Personal Answer but in reference to Jesus' prayer above, to keep them in Jesus' name with their souls and spirits true to God and saved from eternal punishment.

*And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.<sup>14</sup> You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. John 14:13-14*

**62.** Read and meditate on John 14:13-14. List two reasons Jesus will do what you ask in prayer:

(1. Ask in Jesus' name which means that I am dwelling in or living in Him. I am standing firm and following Jesus daily.

(2. My desire is to bring honor to God and not to myself. My prayers match up with the Father's will and what He wants to accomplish through me.

**Read Acts 5:40-41 and answer questions 63-65:**

*His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.<sup>41</sup> The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. Acts 5:40-41*

**63.** Did Jesus' name keep the apostles from being flogged? Y N (Circle One)

**64.** After the flogging, why did the apostles leave rejoicing?

Because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name

**65.** The apostles suffered physical pain and disgrace because of Jesus' name. Explain how this truth does not contradict but in fact agrees with John 14:13-14 and John 17:11-12.

Jesus suffered both emotional and physical persecution while he walked the earth in human form. Being in Jesus or living in His name means that we may be called to suffer in similar ways. The servant is not greater than the Master. In John 14 and 17, Jesus is not promising a life without pain and suffering but one lived victoriously through Him, both now and forever.

*However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.*" Luke 10:20 (Revelation 21:27)

**66.** According to Luke 10:20, what should you rejoice about?

That our names are written in heaven; written in the Lamb's book of life

**Revelation 21:27** Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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*I will praise you forever for what you have done; in your name I will hope, for your name is good. I will praise you in the presence of your saints. Psalm 52:9*

**67.** Read Psalm 52:9. Where do you place your hope?

**In God's name**

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**Personal Application: Memorize Isaiah 26:8 and 42:8**

**68.** Write from Memory Isaiah 26:8:

*Yes, LORD, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.*

**69.** Write from Memory Isaiah 42:8:

*"I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols.*

**70.** Starting today, how will you walk in the LORD's ways, wait for Him and make His name and renown the desire of your heart?

**Personal Answer**

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