

THE LIVING GOD

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BUT THE LORD IS THE TRUE GOD; HE IS THE LIVING GOD AND THE EVERLASTING KING. AT HIS WRATH THE EARTH WILL TREMBLE, AND THE NATIONS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ENDURE HIS INDIGNATION.

Katherine Von Bora was the wife of Martin Luther and during one very difficult period, Luther was carrying many burdens and fighting many battles. Usually jolly and smiling, he was instead depressed and worried. Katherine endured this for days. One day, she met him at the door wearing a black mourning dress. "Who died?" the professor asked. "God," Katherine said. "You foolish thing!" said Luther. "Why this foolishness!" "It is true," she persisted. "God must have died, or Doctor Luther would not be so sorrowful." Her therapy worked, and Luther snapped out of his depression. In the same way that God used Katherine to bring Luther out of his depression, so God used Jeremiah to persuade his people out of their spiritual depression and bring them back to the truth that God is a living God.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



PRAY (10 min)

As a Life Group, talk about a time when God showed His faithfulness to you. Describe how you felt when you saw Him at work.



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. Jeremiah was used to speak of the obvious sin of Israel. Why does it seem that Christians are the last to realize that we are engaging in idolatrous behavior? What questions can we ask ourselves to keep ourselves accountable about it?

**AS CHRISTIANS, WE DON'T REALIZE HOW IDOLATROUS WE ARE UNTIL WE DISCOVER HOW LITTLE WE LOVE GOD AND HOW MUCH WE LOVE OTHER STUFF.
– PASTOR FERNANDO**

2. Read Colossians 3:5 and compare it to the Pastor's definition of idolatry on Sunday (IDOLATRY: A disordered love or desire, loving more than God what ought to be loved less than God). How can we put idolatry to death in our lives?



3. Pastor Fernando mentioned that many of the things that we interpret as needs, are actually the cry of our soul asking for The Living God. Share with your group how you identify with this truth and what advice would you give to a person going through the same dilemma.

For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth

Job 19:25

4. When we have a relationship with the living God, it manifests itself in our worship life, in our service to God, and our trust in Him in times of trial. In which of these three areas do you think you need to grow and what practical steps can you take to experience victory?

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

Psalm 42:1-2



(5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, make the choice to uproot idolatry, seek God in the midst of need and respond to Him in worship, service and trust.

We will be waiting with anticipation to hear your experience with the living God as you turned to him in worship and trust.

