## **OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS/TALK:**

- Two men were lost in a wilderness forest. One of them knew the way home, but he liked the wilderness
  more than his home. The other man desperately wanted to get home, but he didn't know the way. All
  at home were waiting to welcome these two men. If either one stayed in the wilderness, that person
  would die. What should these men do?
- 2. What two things do they need to put together? (*hint: Kn\_wl\_dge and D\_s\_r\_*)

## **READING AND STUDY QUESTIONS:**

- 1. When a man sinned, he brought a Lamb to the Sanctuary as a sin offering. Who did Jesus become for us? (1 Peter 1:18-20)
  - a. Are you and I trusting in His blood and spotless righteousness (perfect life) for salvation?
  - b. Have we been confessing and forsaking our sins on the head of the Lamb? (ref. 1 John 1:9)
  - c. His blood pays the price (*ref.1 John 2:2*) for our sin. When this is done, His perfect life record will stand in the place of \_\_\_\_\_ imperfect one.
- 2. When we understand that "all have sinned and come short" (*Romans 3:23*) of God's glorious and holy character (us in particular), what should we do? (Acts 2:37,38)
  - a. The people in John's time heard his call to *"repent"* and they came *"confessing their sins"* and were *"baptized of him in Jordan"* (Matthew 3:2,6). They were *"producing fruit in keeping with repentance"* (v.8). John baptized here because there was *"much water"* (John 3:23).
  - b. Can babies repent? Can babies confess their sin? "Baby baptism" or sprinkling does not count as a Bible baptism. Jesus was dedicated by his parents at the temple when he was a baby (Parents' decision)(ref. Luke 2:22,27). When Jesus was about 30 years old he chose to be Baptized by immersion under the water because His choice would please God (Luke 3:21-23)(His Personal choice). Jesus was dedicated to God all of his life, yet the choice of Baptism was still God's will Him—as it is for us today. (ref. Matt. 3:15).
  - c. How did Jesus say every person should fully accept His salvation? (Matthew 28:18-20)
  - d. Are you ready to follow Jesus by being baptized?
  - e. **Will you confess and forsake all of your sins? (***including the breaking of the* 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath— God's fourth commandment)
  - f. Have we been washed in the LAVER of baptism by immersion? If not, why don't we be?
- 3. Are we trusting in Jesus Christ alone as our High Priest and mediator in Heaven? (1 Timothy 2:5; *Heb.* 4:14-16; 1 John 2:1) (not men, not saints, not priests, not Mary—she's resting—only Jesus!)
- 4. Have you entered into the Daily service of the Sanctuary in the Holy Place?

- a. This is our Daily devotional experience with God. It is God's School of H\_
- b. **Daily prayer** in Jesus' name (Altar of Incense), **study of God's word** (bread), and **sharing Jesus** with others (Lamp-stand) is essential. *(ref. Matt. 4:4; 6:9-13)*
- c. Are you and I daily preparing to meet the Lord?
- 5. Are we confessing and forsaking our sins to Jesus so they'll be forgiven in the Judgment? (*Proverbs* 28:13; 1 John 1:9)
- 6. Are we keeping the Law of the Sanctuary—God's Ten Commandments? If not, why not? What would stop us? This would also include God's Laws about clean and unclean foods. Violating God's will in any of these matters puts an "idol" or "god" before our God...that may be a god of foods or alcohol or whatever. The sin is the same, and it breaks the 2<sup>nd</sup> commandment.
- 7. The Lord is coming. Soon His presence will be here! The Heavenly Day of Atonement (Judgment) is almost over (though we know not just when). Are you and I ready?
- 8. Would you like to be part of a church that is upholding every truth of the Sanctuary?\_\_\_\_\_ What would stop you? (Jesus is gathering His people together to finish His work!)
  - a. We may be those who are *"not defiled"* by a corrupt woman, but who *"follow the Lamb wherever He goes"* (*Revelation 14:4*).

## **HEART QUESTION(S):**

- 1. Do you want to follow Jesus through the whole Sanctuary, back into God's Holy Presence?\_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Will you do His will, and commit your whole life to Him? \_\_\_\_\_\_

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