

CHRIST-LIKE CHARACTER LESSONS

RIGHTEOUSNESS:

“YOUR WILL NOT MINE” & “GOD CARES FOR THE RIGHTEOUS”

“YOUR WILL NOT MINE”

Read Matthew 26:36-46 and Matthew 6:9-14.

Questions for discussion

1. What does the Bible tell us that Jesus did?
2. Where did Jesus go to pray?
3. What did Jesus say when He prayed?
4. When Jesus left the disciples alone, why did He tell them to pray?
5. What did Jesus say when He taught the disciples to pray?
6. Can you think of a time when you wanted God’s will to be done instead of your own?
7. What can you do when you are tempted to do wrong?

Key concepts

The Bible tells us that Jesus knew He was about to die on the cross so He went to a garden to pray. Jesus was sorrowful and troubled. Luke describes Jesus as being in anguish (**Luke 22:44**). When Jesus prayed, He asked that God’s will be done, not His own. As Jesus left the disciples to go and pray on His own a second time, He told them to watch and pray so that they wouldn’t fall in to temptation. This was a review of what Jesus had taught His disciples before. He had taught them to pray, “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one” (**Matthew 6:13**). When we are in difficult situations or being tempted, we can pray and ask for God’s help too.

“GOD CARES FOR THE RIGHTEOUS”

Read Genesis 18:1-2, Genesis 19:12-16, 27-29 and 2 Peter 2:6-10.

Questions for discussion

1. Why was God going to destroy a whole city and the people living in it?
2. Why did Abraham ask God to consider leaving the city alone?
3. What did God do instead?
4. Why did God allow Lot to leave Sodom?
5. If there are people sinning in your town, what do you think God would want you to do?

Key concepts

The Lord came with some angels and visited Abraham. During their visit, God decided to let Abraham know that He planned to destroy the city of Sodom because of the wickedness of the people who lived there. Humbly, Abraham asked God if He would leave the city alone if fifty