

PBC Growing in Christ

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Class Norms

A large, dark wooden cross stands in a field of tall grass. The background is a sunset sky with soft, golden light breaking through the clouds. The cross is the central focus of the image, symbolizing faith and community.

- Place your microphone on mute.
- Use the chat room. Located in the upper right of the screen.
- Interact in the class just raise your hand. The instructor will take you off mute.
- Technology may not always work....please be patient.
- God is always in the midst
- Enjoy the class.

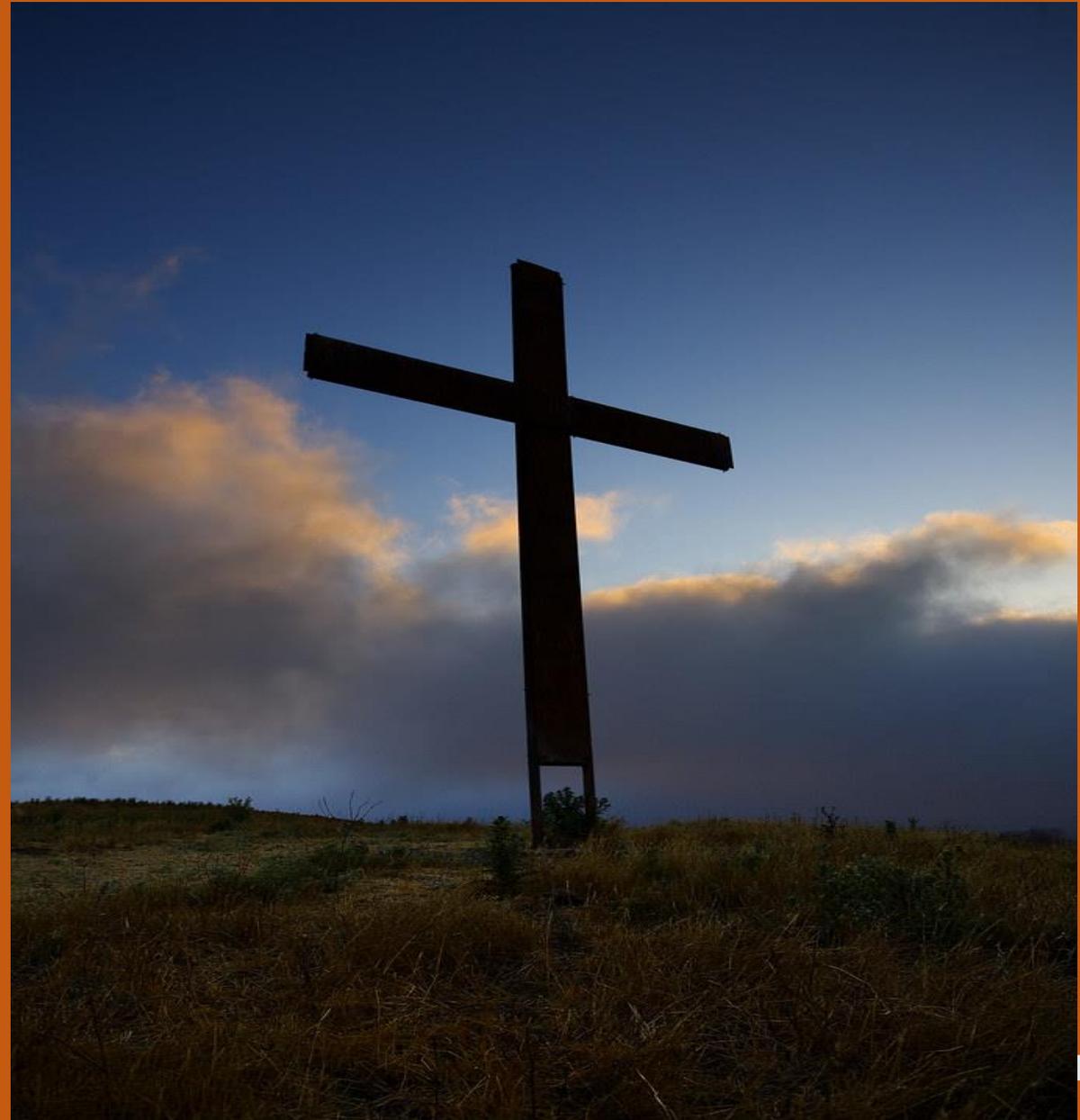
Growing in Christ

- Every day is an opportunity to grow in the word.
- Growing in Christ will tackle real life issues, while studying the bible for its answers.
- Examine challenges believers and non-believers face every day.
- Growing in Christ bible study will focus on how Christians face challenges and how the bible addresses these issues.



Growing in Christ

To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)





Honor Life

Exodus 20:13; 1 Samuel 26:7-11,22-25

What are some ways you show others that you value them?

Scripture Exodus 20:13

13 Do not murder.





Honor Life

Exodus 20:13

What are some core truths that serve as the foundation of this command?

In what ways does this command apply to you?

Honor Life

Exodus 20:13

- Don't overreact because hatred and bitterness can rot your soul, causing the wounded area to be alarmingly tender.
- Our hate is a form of murder of the other person, but it also affects our own lives in a negative way.



Scripture

1 Samuel 26:7-11

7 That night, David and Abishai came to the troops, and Saul was lying there asleep in the inner circle of the camp with his spear stuck in the ground by his head. Abner and the troops were lying around him. 8 Then Abishai said to David, “Today God has delivered your enemy to you. Let me thrust the spear through him into the ground just once. I won’t have to strike him twice!” 9 But David said to Abishai, “Don’t destroy him, for who can lift a hand against the LORD’s anointed and be innocent?” 10 David added, “As the LORD lives, the LORD will certainly strike him down: either his day will come and he will die, or he will go into battle and perish. 11 However, because of the LORD, I will never lift my hand against the LORD’s anointed. Instead, take the spear and the water jug by his head, and let’s go.”



Honor Life

1 Samuel 26:7-11

What do David's words and actions reveal about his relationship with God?

How would you explain the truth that God is the ultimate authority over all life?



Honor Life

1 Samuel 26:7-11

- David's refusal to take Saul's life acknowledged God's ultimate authority over life and death. He left the matter in God's hands.
- As kingdom disciples, we must not grow complacent in a world where life continues to be devalued and destroyed.

Scripture

1 Samuel 26: 22-25

22 David answered, “Here is the king’s spear; have one of the young men come over and get it. 23 The LORD will repay every man for his righteousness and his loyalty. I wasn’t willing to lift my hand against the LORD’s anointed, even though the LORD handed you over to me today. 24 Just as I considered your life valuable today, so may the LORD consider my life valuable and rescue me from all trouble.” 25 Saul said to him, “You are blessed, my son David. You will certainly do great things and will also prevail.” Then David went on his way, and Saul returned home.



Honor Life

1 Samuel 26:22-25

Where do you currently have opportunities to lift up the value of life?

How can you show that you value all lives as equal with your time and actions this week?

Honor Life

1 Samuel 26:22-25

- Devaluing of life is a cancer spreading through the body of Christ
- Ways we can live out this his truth
 - To act justly includes acting honorably toward the innocent and vulnerable and seeking to protect their lives.
 - To love faithfulness involves consistently pursuing life and liberty for those who are at risk of losing both.
 - To walk humbly requires that we “consider others as more important than” ourselves (Philippians 2:3).



GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

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- **Check your attitude.** If you privately consider some people more important than others, confess that to God and repent.
- **Check your words.** Examine your involvement in devaluing life through the words you speak to others or about others. Words of anger, malice, bitterness, or even apathy don't honor the lives of those God loves, so determine to speak only those words that build others up. (See Ephesians 4:29.)
- **Check your actions.** Look for concrete ways you can affirm the value of life in your spheres of influence. Practical actions can include counseling at a pro-life pregnancy center, helping a parent with a disabled child, bringing joy to the forgotten in a nursing home, or engaging with the work of praying for and supporting the persecuted.

Final thoughts about Honor Life



- **Treat your wounds. To release any hatred and bitterness, look to the cross and what Jesus did for you. We're all even at the foot of the cross. Jesus died to forgive you, but He also died for the ones you're tempted to murder with hate.**



Final thoughts about Honor Life

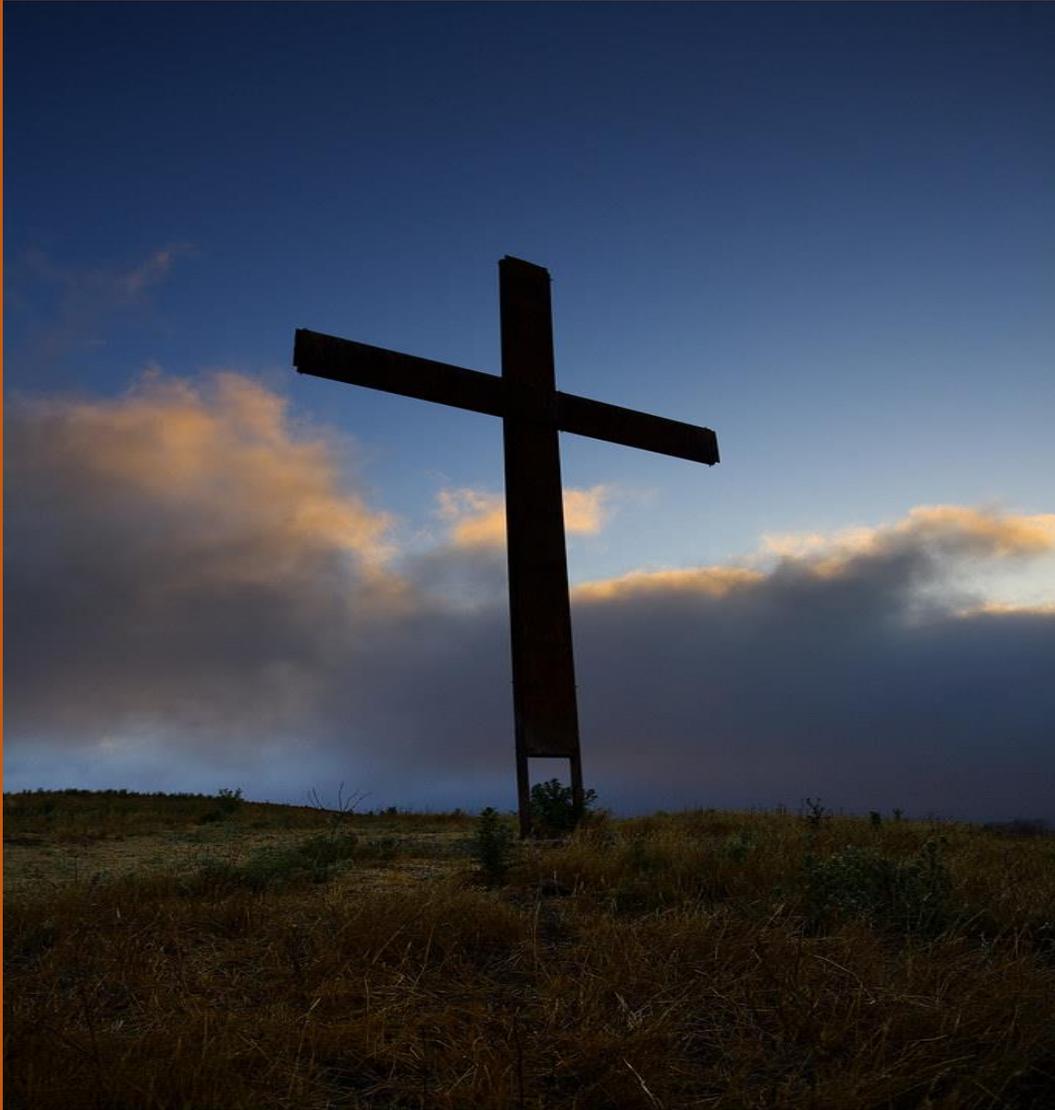
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you!

Resources

BIBLE-Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth

Bible.com





Next Week: October 25, 2020
Honor All Relationships

Exodus 20:15-17; Psalm
37:1-6

Who has been an example
of personal integrity
in your life?



God Bless You!

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