

Coffee Theme – Coffee and Friends

DEVOTIONAL/LESSON STARTERS & WORKSHOP IDEAS

Add in your own points, illustrations, explanations, and relating Bible verses.

Do a study on being “grounded” in Christ.

- Colossians 2
 - Key verse “Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.” Colossians 2:7
- Ephesians 6:13
 - “...and having done all, to stand”

Give me a cup of...

- Joy
- Faith
- Love
- Resolve
- Purpose

A Whole “Latte” fun!

- Finding joy in our cups
- Finding joy in our circumstances
- Finding joy in our daily routine
- Finding something to praise the Lord about
- Finding a purpose in where to serve the Lord

Overcoming the Daily Grind

- Taking our burdens to the Lord (and leaving them there)
- Seeing past life’s daily trials
- Learning to enjoy the daily happenings of life

- Not living in the past but living in the present
- Treasuring the little things and little moments
- Allowing God to grind our problems and worries
- Only Christ can make our life *drinkable*

Grounds For Improvement

- Taking a spiritual checkup of our lives
- What is pouring through us?
- What is coming out?
- What type of grounds are we using? (world or words of Christ)
- Do we allow the Holy Spirit to flow through us?

Perkin' Up To The Christian Life

- Getting up early to spend time in God's Word
 - Do you get up early in time to make coffee?
 - Is Jesus as important as your coffee to you?
- Getting up for a reason
 - How important is it to make time for others in your day?
Doing something kind or helping someone in need?
 - How important is it that you make a time to share the Gospel of Christ?

Blended To Perfection

- Do a study of Galatians 5
- Getting rid of the flesh
- Blending the different fruits of the Spirit into your life to be Spirit filled
- Key verses
 - "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." Galatians 5:22,23
- Pouring out a perfect blend

Wake up and Smell the Coffee

- Story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15)
 - Woke up in the pig pen
 - Saw the reality around him
 - “And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!” Luke 15:16, 17
- We need to wake up to the reality of sin and it's temptations
 - 1 Peter 5:8
 - Ephesians 6:11-16
- We need to wake up to the reality of hell (Luke 16:19-31)
 - Seeing the souls of others
 - Spreading the Gospel
- We need to *wake up and smell the coffee!*

Ugly Mugs and Beautiful Coffee Cups (or Teacups)

- Don't be an ugly mug!
 - Don't be an “ugly” person. Not in how you look on the outside but in how you act and what you say.
 - Ugliness is not a fruit of the Spirit.
 - Don't fill your mug or pour out...
 - Hatred
 - Anger
 - Bitterness
 - Mean Spirits
 - Bad Habits
 - Gossiping
 - Anything that makes an ugly countenance!
- Be a beautiful coffee cup (or teacup)!
 - Be that beautiful teacup with lovely etchings and wonderful character.
 - Show the fruit of the Spirit.

- Fill your cup and pour out...
 - Thankfulness
 - Joy
 - Love
 - Kindness

 - Humility
 - Compassion
 - Anything that shows you are a beautiful Christian

Your Feet Touching the Ground

- *On Solid Ground*
 - Building your life on a right foundation. (Matthew 7)
 - Wise man and foolish man
 - Be sure that you know you have a personal relationship with the Lord.
- *Common Ground*
 - Fellowshiping with other Christians.
 - Having a common goal – that of eternity.
 - Getting along and working together as the family of God.
- *Above Ground*
 - Keeping your head up
 - Relying on the Lord
 - Romans 8:28
 - Philippians 4:13
- *Gaining Ground*
 - Reaching for more in the Christian life.
 - “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:13, 14

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