

Among the Lampstands



Collegiate Quarterly

Teacher's Guide

Surveying the Source

Dan. 1:1–21; Rev. 1:9–11

Plotting the Course

The students will:

- ▶ Gain a clearer understanding of “The Lord’s Day” in Revelation.
- ▶ Learn how Jesus reveals Himself to us today.

- ▶ Understand how Jesus communicates to us as a church.

Preparing to Lead

There is much to be said about spending time alone and away from the distractions of this world in which we live. Although solitary confinement might be a little extreme, being secluded from the influences that permeate our daily lives to commune with God through prayer and

study can only deepen our connection with Him and allow us much needed quiet time to listen to the Holy Spirit speaking to us—much like John experienced on Patmos. Consider John’s time there more of a blessing than a curse.

Getting Started

A. Make a list of things that people might do by themselves without others around. Discuss what the advantages or disadvantages are to such activities, and why having others around might be a distraction or aid for what they need to accomplish.

B. Discuss ways in which God speaks to His church in these last days. Does He use multiple ways of doing so? Do these have to be updated periodically due to cultural differences, changing times, economic differences, or spiritual maturity?

Materials

Reproducible Activity, Bibles, Bible commentary, flip chart, index cards, paper, pencils/pens, medium black marker.

Delving Into the Word

A. Using a writing board, list and discuss Bible texts or stories that talk about quietness, alone time, solitude, meditation on God's Word, reflection, and any other things that one might do by themselves to draw closer to God.

B. Using a Bible commentary, look up the phrase, "Lord's Day." Discuss the meaning of the phrase with the class: Does it refer to Sunday as much of the world thinks it does? Why has this phrase been misinterpreted?

Discussing the Ideas

1. Where in the Bible do we find how to keep the Sabbath holy on a practical level?

2. How do we know the do's and don'ts of Sabbath keeping?

3. How do we deepen our relationship with Jesus, and the church?

4. How do we foster a deeper spirituality within our church and ourselves?

5. Does being rich hinder us from a deeper relationship with Jesus? If so, how?

6. What does the phrase "Whoever has ears, let them hear" mean? (Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22; 13:9)

7. Is hearing a sufficient response to the Word of God?

Closing the Activity

Give each student a copy of the Reproducible Activity and have them fill it out with their name and signature on the bottom right. Next, have them turn it over and on the back, list why and how they

plan to achieve these goals.

Divide the group into pairs and have each person pray for the other's commitment.

CERTIFICATE *of* AUTHENTICITY

This certifies that

*I will commit to a deeper study of the Word of God.
I will commit to a studying more from the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy.
I will keep the seventh day Sabbath Holy unto the Lord.*

January 12, 2019

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CHILD OF GOD