Reflections on the Character of God

The reflection section has five scriptures that pertain to this week's aspect of God's character. Take one passage a day and reflect on it in the context you find. Note your insights.

The life response sections give you two more verses to ponder. These passages relate to your response to the name, title, or attribute of God. Write down practical responses.

Prince of Peace

Reflection: Isaiah 9:6,7; John 14:25-27; Ephesian 2:14-22; Philippians 4:4-7; Colossians 1:15-20
Life Response: Romans 12:17-21; Colossians 3:15-17



A Discipleship Journey - Acts of The Holy Spirit Earth-shaking Prayer - March 13, 2022

Primary text: Acts 4:23-31

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What does Earth-shaking prayer look like?

1) Earth-shaking Prayer <u>recognizes God is in control</u>.

And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them," -vs. 24

2) Earth-shaking Prayer <u>understands that God works through</u> opposition.

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his

Anointed' -vs. 26

3) Earth-shaking Prayer seeks courage from above.

"And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness" -vs. 29

Courage is standing in the face of fear!

4) Earth-shaking Prayer believes God for the miraculous.

"Lord, stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." -vs. 30

5) Earth-shaking Prayer <u>results in effective evangelism</u>.

And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. -vs. 31

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Discussion Questions:

Read Acts 4:23-31

- 1) What took place just before this passage?
- 2) How did Peter and John respond?
- 3) What does it mean when they call God "Sovereign Lord" and why is this important?
- 4) They quote from Psalm 2, how did this Psalm relate to them?
- 5) Why is there a rage from the world?
- 6) In what way did God work through the opposition to Jesus? How does he work through opposition in your life?
- 7) Why do you think the disciples prayed for boldness instead of protection?
- 8) Complete this sentence. We need healing because...

Prayer: Take some time to pray some bold prayers that line up with the will of God for your life