

### Homework Recap

Week 1 we read devotionals.

I recommended three from the Bible App, YouVersion:

- From This Day Forward (relationships)
- God’s Crime Scene (apologetics)
- Fight Fear
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Discussion

Was this new to you?

What did you like most?

What did you like least?

Did you find that this was something you could do going forward?

### Getting Comfortable

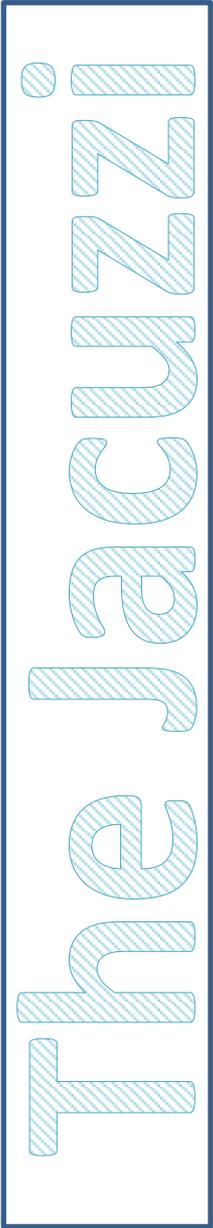
Week 2: *The Jacuzzi*

#### PROFILE OF A HOT TUBBER

- \_\_\_\_\_ is the goal
- *I can do all things through \_\_\_\_\_, who strengthens me*
- *Self-actualization & positive \_\_\_\_\_ are keys*
- \_\_\_\_\_ or *Dying With the Most Toys... bumper stickers*
- \_\_\_\_\_ – *like most everything – is a means to an end*
- *Bible is blah except for stuff about \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_*
- *Don’t care to differentiate between Biblical and Unbiblical*

Matthew 13:7 says of these kinds of people, “As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.” Jesus says the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of \_\_\_\_\_ choke the word.

Many times, they will call themselves, “Christian,” in the cultural sense, but often they will say they don’t believe in “organized religion” and prefer to do their own thing.



## Why Should We Read the Bible? p2

The short answer: Jesus' Sacrifice.

Instinctively, we know that \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ for wrongs done to others. (Usually, wrongs done to us by others.)

In the Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_ were made for wrong doings against God or mankind.

Sacrifices were the best animals, the best or first portions of crops, the best wines and oils. The sacrifices were \_\_\_\_\_ because the truth is that the cost of covering our sins should be high.

Sin = \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 10:4 says, "It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins." A way of thinking of this is that all our sacrifices did was to pay the interest on the debt – they kept the bill collectors at bay, so to speak.

The debt – the amount we deserved to pay for all the wrongs we have done – was never paid in full (Heb 10:11).

And it's important to note that God didn't even \_\_\_\_\_ the sacrifices (Heb 10:7-9). Animals or oils or wine or grain could never repay the debt. Only a perfect sacrifice could repay it in full.

That sacrifice is Christ Jesus (Heb 10:10).

By Jesus' sacrifice, we have the ability to have our debts fully, completely, forever \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb 10:14, 18).

"This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds... Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more" (Heb 10:16-17)

We know Jesus did this for us through the Bible. Shouldn't we want to know this amazing person more?

### Home Work

Each week, we will try out different ways of diving into the word. This week we will go with:

Bible Reading – A Chapter a Day

Every day, I'd like you to read a chapter of your choice of a book of the Bible. I will post some great starting places that you should be able to finish in a week. Audio Bibles are allowed.

Remember to pray before and after reading and to wait on the Lord to see if he has anything to say to you about what you just read.

*NEXT WEEK: The Kiddie Pool where we find the seekers who know that there is value in swimming, so to speak, but aren't yet sure if they are ready to wade in deeper.*

