

JUNE

STARS

MEMORY VERSE & ASSIGNMENT



TOPIC: Popcorn Christians

BADGE EARNED: Fire

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MEMORY VERSE: “For I consider the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” Romans 8:18 nkjv

How is a kernel of popcorn **similar to a person's heart?**

Q: What are some lessons and truths we can learn from a kernel of popcorn?

What are some of the things that heat up our situations and cause us to respond?

The seeds start as **hard and tasteless, can't be digested**

When heated, some respond, but some do not.

At some point, a change occurs, and all the **potential inside the kernel is released.** – **Did you know there is a why kernel pops? Water trapped inside when heat high enough water transforms into steam, builds up pressure- POP!**

Some remain hard and tasteless and may even burn

Others, the sweet inside is exposed and can be enjoyed

We not only taste it, but there is also a pleasant aroma that attracts people

Everything comes from inside the kernel

Most people love the smell of popcorn. One small bag fills the room with the smell. Another word for smell is aroma. God compares us to an aroma. We experience it from a distance. It attracts us. We want it. We want to taste it for ourselves. In the same way, We must live our lives in such a way that Christ in us, is noticed by others, and they want to experience Christ for themselves. 2 Corinthians 2:15

Human hearts can either be like a hard kernel or the soft, fluffy, fragrant popcorn.

God places us in the heat – circumstances so our hearts can open up
(Visually express this by changing a clenched fist to an open hand)

MAKE IT PRACTICAL

How do circumstances change us? Why does God allow difficult circumstances? See James 1:2-4 and Romans 5:3-5

In what ways are Christians an aroma of Christ?

What are some actions, attitudes, mindsets, and other characteristics of Christians and their relationship with Christ that are attractive to the lost?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Would you consider your heart hard and tightly closed up, or soft and open?

What are some of the circumstances God has used in your own life to bring about a pleasant change in your life?

If you were to do a self test on your life as a Christian, what would it reveal? Does your life express an aroma of Christ?

What can you personally do this week that will serve like a pleasant aroma to draw others to Christ and want to experience Christ for themselves?

Scriptures

Matthew 12:35 – “A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.”

Luke 6:45 – “A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.”

Matthew 15:11 – “What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.”

Matthew 15:16-20 – “Are you still so dull?” Jesus asked them. “Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.”

James 1:2-4 – “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

Romans 5:3-5 – “Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

Romans 8:18 – “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”

2 Corinthians 2:14-16 – “But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ’s triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are to God the

pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life.