

## **CONNECT Group Study guide: Importance Of Preparation.**

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Have you noticed that you are always preparing for something in life? You wake up and you are preparing either to leave for work, school or organise your household and get them ready for the day.

You are either preparing for an exam or an interview. You are either preparing for marriage or to have kids. You are either preparing for a trip or to return home. Life is filled with instances where we are required to prepare ourselves. This being the case, it is safe to conclude that what you get out of life depends on how much preparation you put into life.

Our success on earth depends on our ability to prepare well for the many tasks we will undertake here on earth. If life on Earth needs preparation, then life in Heaven needs even more preparation and consideration.

1 Peter 2:11-12 tells us that; as sojourners and pilgrims, we must abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having our conduct honourable among the people in the world, that when they speak against us as evildoers, they may, by our good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

We are pilgrims on this earth on our way home, how well we do on this journey depends on how well we prepare ourselves for the mini tasks we will do. Whether or not we reach our required destination depends on how prepared we are to live a life worthy of the call God has placed on us. I pray that this year success will not elude you because you will be sure to prepare.

Pastor Aaron.

### **1. 2 Timothy 2:1-7                      1 Corinthians 9:24-27**

In what way does God use our hardships to train us for this life and the life to come?

### **2. James 1:2-4                      Romans 5:1-5**

In what ways do our trials shape us for our destiny?

### **3. Genesis 45:1-8                      Exodus 3:1-10.                      Esther 2:15-19, 4:10-14,**

Looking at the stories of Ester, Joseph and Moses, how can God use our trials to prepare and position us for a greater purpose?