

crossroads

LIFE GROUPS

NAMES OF GOD – January 26, 2022

YHWH-Nissi

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MEMORY VERSE

Philippians 2:9-11

For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Opener: As we learned, one of the many names of God is *YHWH-Nissi* (pronounced Yahway-Nisee) which means “God is my Banner.” By what names are you known? Which is your favorite? Why?

1. Both in the Old Testament and even as late as the Civil War, armies used a flag bearer at the front lines who held up the flag of the nation to identify them and to give the soldiers a feeling of hope and a point of focus. In what ways does God give you a feeling of hope and a point of focus?
2. It might surprise you that the name YHWH-Nissi appears only once in the Bible in Exodus 17:15. However, the idea of God as a banner to us appears several times in the Old Testament. Take turns reading the following verses and describe what the banner conveys about the character of God: Psalm 60:4; Song of Solomon 2:4; Isaiah 31:3; Isaiah 62:10; Jeremiah 4:6; Jeremiah 51:12
3. Read Isaiah 11:10, 12. Who is it the “Root of Jesse” that will stand as a banner? Who will rally under this banner?

PUTTING IT INTO ACTION: Read Ezekiel 27:7 in the NASB. The Hebrew root word for sail in this verse is the same as that for YHWH-Nissi in Exodus 17:15. What are the “distinguishing marks” that identify you as belonging to the Lord? Are you displaying them clearly in tangible ways that others can see? If so, how? If not, how can you begin?