

Small Group Homework

LEADERS GUIDE

For the Week of November 9, 2014

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

MAIN IDEA: God disciplines us so we will surrender every area of our life that we have compromised. We want to get to the heart of the issue: What might God be asking me to surrender right now?

QUICK REVIEW

1. Looking back over last weekend's message, what point, illustration, or idea did you need to hear most?

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

2. If you could ask God one question right now, what it would be? ***This is not meant to be majorly theological. More of a question to reveal what is currently on our hearts.**

INTO THE BIBLE

3. Jeff talked about surrendering our hearts, pride, time, and money this weekend. We can't surrender something to God if we are unaware it is there in the first place. Check out the following verses: ***Questions 3 and 5 are similar in some ways. The whole point is to give people an opportunity to be honest with themselves about what God is asking them to surrender. This is a great opportunity to lead by example and speaking first.**

Matthew 6:19-27

In your life currently, what might be another master Jesus is competing with?

What are two concrete steps you can do to surrender that area back to Christ? ***If possible, encourage people to put action to truth.**

4. As you study the Church in Laodicea you recognize that Jesus is loving them by disciplining them. Discipline is a common tool used by God to draw near to us. Using the following passages, right out a truth for each about God's discipline?

Deuteronomy 8:5

Ex. God's discipline is like a father to a son

Proverbs 3:11-12

God disciplines those he loves and takes delight in us

1 Corinthians 11:31-32

God's discipline means no condemnation, now or later

Hebrews 12:5-11

If we do not receive discipline, we are not His children

5. Self-discipline in the bible is essentially self-control. Self-control is one of the fruits of the spirit. This is one area we often overlook in our walk with Christ. Paul teaches us the importance of self-discipline in a spirit filled life. Read the following:

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

2 Timothy 1:6-7

Own it: *One area in my life where I lack surrender and self-discipline is...*

TAKING IT HOME

6. What might God be telling you to do in light of surrender and self-discipline?

How could those in your group support you?

How could you support and encourage others in these areas?

***Some won't feel comfortable sharing where they lack self-discipline/self-control. And that's ok. But make sure they see that your group could be a great support for them if they choose to go through that process.**

PRAYER REQUESTS (*GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SEPARATE MEN AND WOMEN FOR MORE OPENESS DURING PRAYER.)

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