

Life Group Homework

For the week of May 14, 2017

MY STORY

- 1) What was your takeaway from last week's study?
- 2) What did you learn about the *love* of God from last week?

QUICK REVIEW

- 3) Upon reviewing your notes from Sunday's teaching, was there anything that caught your attention?

DIGGING DEEPER

Last week we looked at Romans 12:2

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

With mind transformation as the desire as we seek to deepen our connection with who God says we are and who God says He is, read the following passage.

Hebrews 10:19-25 (ESV)

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

- 4) According to these verses, why should we have confidence, and what do we do if we don't feel confident?
- 5) Many times when we struggle with sin we feel like these promises are void and we cannot do what these verses are instructing us to do. Have you ever felt like you could not approach God in times of trouble or because you were too sinful? If so, will you share your experience with the group?

TAKING IT HOME

- 6) What do I need to start (by faith)?
- 7) Is there something God has been leading you to start doing that you have resisted? If so, will you share it with the group?
- 8) What (by faith) do you need to stop? (Are you resisting God? Is there a habit you need to get help with? Are you blaming God for your decisions?)

Galatians 6:9 (NLT)

⁹So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

- 9) What is the verse asking us to do, and why?
- 10) Are there areas in your life you need to stay the course? Such as commitments you have already made but have stumbled in keeping them? Looking back at the passage from Hebrews, what could you do with these areas?

Mark 16:15 says

Mark 16:15 (NLT)

¹⁵And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."

- 11) The last idea is about "Go". Where do I need to go, by faith, in following Christ? Is there something God is calling you to do that you need to respond to Him, by faith, and go?

CHAIR TIME TOOL

This week pray and meditate on the following ideas:

What do you need to Start?

What do you need to Stop?

Where do you need to Stay the course?

Where do you need to Go?

The LONG and the SHORT of it.

It's Time to Agree with God

(Series inspired by Craig Groeschel's book "Divine Direction")

Week 3

Pastor Craig Sweeney

Passage: John 20:30-31...21:1-25

One Main Thought: "Follow Me..." – It's an invitation to **FAITH**.

It's time to agree with God about a few things:

1. Who He says I am - His "Disciple"
2. Who He is - "Jesus is the Messiah... the Son of God..." (20:31)
3. What He says I can do - "believing in him" "have life by the power of his name." (20:31)
4. What He says I can be - "Rock" instead of a "Reed"

Simple decisions that WILL change your life:

- I will **START**...
- I will **STOP**...
- I will **STAY**...
- I will **GO**...