

Life Group Homework

For the week of January 20, 2019

MY STORY

1. If you had a dream job, and you could be anything you wanted, what would you be?
2. What are you hoping to get out of this study?

QUICK REVIEW

3. Upon reviewing your notes from Sunday's teaching, what caught your attention?

DIGGING DEEPER

Pastor Craig has been unpacking the idea that we are a sharp arrow in the quiver of God. One of the key elements of this picture is that arrows require work to be useful. The shaft has to be straight, the fletching (feathers at the opposite end of the arrowhead) must be intact and straight, and the arrowhead has to be sharp. With this picture in mind, let's discuss Solomon and what he did to prepare for leading the people of Israel.

1 Kings 3:3-9 (NLT)

³ Solomon loved the Lord and followed all the decrees of his father, David, except that Solomon, too, offered sacrifices and burned incense at the local places of worship. ⁴ The most important of these places of worship was at Gibeon, so the king went there and sacrificed 1,000 burnt offerings. ⁵ That night the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream, and God said, "What do you want? Ask, and I will give it to you!"

⁶ Solomon replied, "You showed great and faithful love to your servant my father, David, because he was honest and true and faithful to you. And you have continued to show this great and faithful love to him today by giving him a son to sit on his throne.

⁷ "Now, O Lord my God, you have made me king instead of my father, David, but I am like a little child who doesn't know his way around. ⁸ And here I am in the midst of your own chosen people, a nation so great and numerous they cannot be counted! ⁹ Give me an understanding heart so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great people of yours?"

4. From the passage, what is the first thing that Solomon felt and did with the Lord?
5. When God appeared to Solomon in the dream, what did he ask and what was Solomon's response?
6. What did Solomon recognize about himself and his abilities to govern?

7. Has God ever put you in a situation where you felt very unqualified? If so, what was it?

One of the key takeaways from this story relating to the picture of an arrow in God's quiver is this: we don't know what we don't know. All of us have blind spots in our lives about different things, and we all need help to understand and in many cases find freedom from them.

8. Have you ever experienced a perspective shift where you came to realize that what you thought previously to be true was actually wrong? What was it, and how did God reveal it to you?

TAKING IT HOME

Two weeks ago on Sunday night, I was at church when I received a text from my wife that we had the top 30 foot section of one of my neighbor's redwood trees come crashing down and land in my swimming pool. Crazy right? No one was hurt, and my animals were inside thankfully. I arrived home thinking I could simply pull out whatever had fallen in and figure out what to do with it later. When I arrived home I realized this tree was beyond my experience and abilities. I could not do it alone. I began to stress about the question of "What do I do with this massive thing in my pool?" So . . . I stopped and prayed for peace and wisdom, took a breath and let the Spirit of God do what He does so well.

Many days later it turns out this silly tree was a blessing in disguise, and we will be able to get some work done on the pool that needs to be done. The point of this is that if I had let myself sit in the stress and not pray, I would have lost a ton of sleep. I could have let it impact my relationships with a bad attitude. Instead I have laughed about it with several friends in the retelling of the story because God is in control, and I just need to humble my heart and surrender all of life's worries.

9. Have you ever had a time in your life when you knew you should stop worrying and pray, but decided to continue worrying instead?
10. Why is our heart attitude so important when it comes to our relationship with God?

CHAIR TIME TOOL

11. For each category in the boxes below pause and pray, asking God to reveal to your heart how you can be more teachable.

Chair Time Tool:

BECOMING	DOING
<p>Faithful Free Dependable Responsible</p> <p>Fruit of the Spirit love joy peace patience kindness goodness faithfulness gentleness self-control</p>	
HOW	RISKING



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Week 2 - The Arrow Project - Going where He sends me...every day.

"I am like a sharp arrow in His quiver." Isaiah 49:2

Barrier #1: I don't know what I don't know, BUT I *could* know IT!

We don't know everything, but we don't need to in order to begin knowing enough to get started. "You must determine if a tree is good or rotten. You can recognize good trees by their delicious fruit. But if you find rotten fruit, you can be certain that the tree is rotten." Matthew 12:33 (TPT Version)



Identify what I know...

What is GOOD?

Why is GOOD FRUIT being produced?

"Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. ² But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. ³ They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do." Psalm 1:1-3

"But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. ⁸ They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit. ⁹ "The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?" ¹⁰ But I, the Lord, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve." Jeremiah 17:7

What is not GOOD? (Not God honoring, unhealthy and toxic.)

Why is that ROTTEN FRUIT being produced?

This Week's Challenge: **Gather** the **courage** to know your own heart.

What is one thing you're walking away with today? _____