

## Study Guide – “Are you Living in the FOG?” *from 1-28-2018*

### **Warming Up**

Some people are born into wealth, and seem to avoid struggle throughout their lives. They have the favor of this world.

Others have no financial advantages, but seem to have everything just fall into place for them. It seems miraculous. They just have God’s favor, not needing the wealth or influence of the world.

How easy is it to recognize God’s favor upon a certain individual? How do you determine this?

### **What, What, and How**

Pastor Bobby read Psalm 5:11-12: “But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You. For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.”

According to verse 11, what two things did those who find God’s favor do?

What three things did God do for those who have His favor?

The response to God’s favor is mentioned three times in these verses. What is this characteristic of our demeanor? What do people see on us?

### **God’s Favor Is Real**

Pastor Bobby made a very important statement that may be lost on those who trust in their own efforts too much. He said, “One moment of God’s favor supersedes a lifetime of labor.”

Our labors are competitive with the labors of those around us, but when God gives you favor, there is no competition.

If this is true, why do many Christians get so distracted with busy labor instead of seeking and resting in the grace of God?

Read Luke 10:38-42.

Which of the sisters understood “one moment of God’s favor” better?

### **God’s Favor – Find It. Grow in It.**

We find God's favor by asking for it in prayer. Pastor Bobby said, "Just because you are a child of God does not mean you are walking in God's favor." He asked, "Can you honestly say that you are looking for God's favor every day?"

Discuss the wisdom of and the hindrances to waking every morning and asking for God's favor for the details of your day.

Do you think this is being selfish? Why, why not.

Pastor Bobby pointed out that Jesus was about the father's business even as a child. (Luke 2:49) Once found, you grow in God's favor by getting about God's business – living the calling that God has put upon you as an individual.

How can you, personally, go about God's business? What is His business for you?

Joseph was put through many unfair and extremely difficult situations. But God's favor upon him was seen by those in his world. God's favor always prevails over the power of men.

How difficult is it to stay true to your convictions in times of trouble?

Before today, did you realize that you could find God's favor in prayer and grow in it by being about His business?

## **Conclusion**

Do you know how it feels to have the favor of God upon you?

Are you willing to pray for God's favor every morning?

Are you willing to find God's will for your life and get about His business?

Why stay defeated when God wants to give you His grace freely?