

## Small Group Questions

9/6.15

Dale Oquist Speaking

### **GETTING TO KNOW YOU:**

1. What is your favorite old movie that has been remastered for viewing in High Definition?

### **RECAP:**

On Sunday we began a new teaching series from the New Testament called: Remastered: The Message in High Definition. The series will focus on the life of Jesus and how the New Testament brings into clarity what the Old Testament pointed toward – a view of Jesus. Dale gave an overview of the Old Testament to show us how it has been broadcasting us a picture of Jesus that has only become clear through the New Testament. The focus of Sunday's message was that the more clearly we see Jesus, the more clearly we see ourselves, and our need for him.

2. Why does meeting someone in person always bring more clarity and life to them than just hearing stories about what they are like? Have you ever experienced this?

### **DIGGING DEEPER:**

Remember your first HD experience? The High Definition clarity, colors and contrast makes the images so real and makes Standard Definition seem so blurry and out of focus. The entire Old Testament was the Standard Definition (low-resolution) picture of all God was accomplishing in Jesus. The Old Testament contains pages of people and stories, and, if you look long enough, you'll most likely see Jesus.

For example... Genesis 5:3-29 lists the genealogy from Adam to Noah. Some linguistic scholars have found these names and their meanings to be very interesting:

Adam =	Man
Seth =	Appointed
Enosh =	Subject or Appointed to Death
Kenan =	Sorrowful
Mahalalel =	From the presence of God
Jared =	Shall come down
Enoch =	Dedicated
Methuselah =	Dying He shall send
Lamech =	to the poor and being destroyed
Noah =	Rest, or comfort.

Put all of those meanings together and you get this sentence... *"Man, appointed, subject to death, and sorrowful. From the presence of God, One comes down, dedicated. Dying He shall send to the poor and being destroyed, rest and comfort"*

3. The first mention of Jesus in Scripture is in Genesis 3:15. When and where was the first mention of Jesus for you? Was it more of a High Definition or a Standard Definition picture for you at that time?

**verses:** Matthew 1:18-23

Jesus did what we could not do for ourselves (v21). The more clearly we see Jesus, the more clearly we see ourselves, and our need for him.

4. Where have you recently seen Jesus more clearly? Share how your new *High Definition* view has helped you see life and the need for Jesus more clearly.

### **TAKING IT HOME:**

5. In what ways do you need Jesus to come along and deliver you and renew you this week?

**Women | Phemom** Motherhood is a crazy ride, so how do we do it together? Fall teaching series "*Think This, Not That*" begins Tuesday, September 15 at 9.30a and Wednesday, September 16 at 7p. Registration is \$15

**Women | "Being Royal" Series begins Wednesday, September 9 at 9.30a (SMC) and 7p (The Hub – Worship Arts Center)** Explore what it means to live a royal (1 Peter 2:9) life in a common world. Registration is \$10.

**Join us on Wednesday nights at 7p** If you don't already have another class you attend on Wednesday nights, please join us at Peoples Church for our continuing series on Revelation.

**Men's Breakfast | Saturday, September 12 at 8a (SMC)** Gather for good food, good community, and a good encouraging word from Fresno Chief of Police, Jerry Dyer. All ages welcome.