Small Group Questions 4/24.16 Brent Deffenbacher Speaking

GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

1. When was the last time your "whole family" got together? Where was it? What was the occasion?

LOOKING BACK

On Sunday, Brent continued the "Seize Tomorrow" series about having the faith to seize the tomorrows God has for us. He shared from Joshua chapter 8 when all of Israel assembled together at Shechem to renew their covenant with the Lord.

2. A covenant is a promise. What promises have you made to other people? Has it been easy or hard to keep your promises? Explain.

DIGGING DEEPER:

<u>Verse</u>: Joshua 8:30-35; Deuteronomy 11:26-29

3. God is making a promise to Israel. How are God's promises and our promises the same? How are they different? Are there any promises you feel like God has made to you?

Joshua uses all of these words in connection with the Lord's commands; "Remember..." "Obey..." "Observe..." "Follow..." Hold fast..."

4. What have you been blessed with in your life today? In what ways would you *like* to be blessed? What link is there between the words Joshua uses (see above) and God's blessings? How have you experienced the blessings of following God's commands?

TAKING IT HOME:

Jeremiah 6:16 This is what the Lord says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.

Israel stands at the crossroads between what God has done and what God is getting ready to do. It will take faith to seize their tomorrow. On Sunday, Brent encouraged us that faith remembers God's faithfulness, shrinks problems, moves mountains, unlocks promises, and gives peace during the storm.

- 5. In your life, what problem needs to shrink, what mountain needs to move, what promise needs unlocked, or where do you need peace? How does God's faithfulness in your past provide fuel for your future faith?
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