

## Small Group Questions

8/2.15

Dale Oquist Speaking

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

1. Have you ever blamed someone else for something and you found out later that you were responsible? What happened?

### **RECAP:**

The Guinness Book of World Records has awarded the title of "The World's Oldest Game." Any idea what that game is? The Blame Game.

It feels very comforting to hold other people responsible for the problems and issues we face, but it is not productive at all. On Sunday, we continued our AGENDA SERIES: studying Old Testament prophets, we heard from the next spokesperson of God – Ezekiel. In Chapter 18, Ezekiel speaks directly to the issue of THE BLAME GAME. God doesn't buy into the Israelites spiritual problems being blamed on a previous generation so He speaks through Ezekiel to make sure they know.

The point that Pastor Dale challenged us with is the fact that **each person is responsible for their own behavior**. This is the key to living your life in grace and freedom.

2. Who are people (what are things) you see getting blamed the most around you for the problems and issues we face? Parents? Bosses? Siblings? Genetics? Our upbringing? Other?

### **DIGGING DEEPER:**

**verses:** Ezekiel 18:1-32, 33:11

One observation from this passage is that the cycle of wrong behavior can stop (v14-18). We can become marked and defined by the work of God in our lives.

3. How have you moved passed your past?

Another observation is that the cycle of righteousness can also stop (v10-13). Each generation, of their own free will, could choose not to live a righteous life.

4. What would you or could you say to a parent, who is flooded by guilt, wondering, "What did I do wrong? Why is my child not serving the Lord?" (think of how God the Father experienced this in his children, Adam and Eve, as well)

### **TAKING IT HOME:**

Blaming others for your position puts you in someone else's control; others have to change for you to be ok. When you take responsibility for your own actions, you can take control of your life by putting it into God's hands and letting his grace take over and cover you.

5. With who or for what is God asking you to stop "the blame game" and take responsibility for?

**Join us on Wednesday nights at 7:00p** 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.

**All Church Event: "Night at the Fresno Grizzlies Game" | Wednesday, August 5 at 7.05p** Join us as we have a church-wide evening out at the ballpark (Chuckchansi Park). Tickets are \$10 each and on sale in the lobby or at the church office. (no Wednesday Night Classes at PC on 8/5)