

LifeGroup Discussion Guide

For the week of 6/26/2022

[1] The word "restore" means to return to a former condition, place or position. Are there times when God wants to transform something in our lives beyond restoration into something completely new? What are your thoughts on this? Can you give an example where God transformed something beyond "restoration" in your life?

[2] When God wants to restore or transform something in our lives, or when we commit to something we know God has for us we often face some kind of opposition. Why do you think this happens?

[3] Pastor Rich spoke of opposition from the enemy (Satan/demonic forces) coming against us in layers...what did he mean by that?

[4] What should our response be when the enemy (working through people or our inner thoughts) mocks us, our dream or our resources to fulfill our dreams? Can you give an example of something you are experiencing right now?

[5] Read Ephesians 6:11. What has God given us to fight strategic attacks against us? How can we use it when we come under attack? What might keep us from using God's resources for victory over strategic attacks?

[6] Revelation 12 indicates that Satan is opposed to Jesus and often is in the background during historical events opposing God such as when King Herod killed children in Bethlehem to prevent the first coming of Jesus. How does knowing this impact your view of historical events as well as the challenges in your own life? What did Pastor Rich mean by saying to "stand firm" in these situations?

[7] Discouragement is a third way the enemy can bring opposition into our lives...in what ways are you experiencing discouragement or have you experienced discouragement in the past? How can "staying focused on the mission" help combat discouragement?

[8] Fear can paralyze us from experiencing fully God's plans, purposes and the abundant life Jesus called us to on this earth. How might Pastor Rich's suggestion to 1) Speak to the Fear, 2) Remember God's greatness, and 3) Fighting for our families move us beyond our fear? Give an example of each of these areas related to overcoming a current fear...how has that helped change your thinking towards your fear?