



Message Devotional & Discussion Questions

5/12/2024

MESSAGE: What's Your Weakness?

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CHECKIN' IN: How is your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's Devotional & Discussion?

THINK, DISCUSS, LIVE: These questions work well individually or in a group setting to encourage spiritual growth, engage in biblical community and live it in the world around you.

1. Why do you think some people like talking about their weaknesses while others would never talk about them at all? Which one are you?
2. How would you answer the traditional job interview question/s: What is one of your strengths and one of your weaknesses?
3. Moses gives God a few excuses why he can't lead the people of Israel. Do you think Moses really had a speech impediment? What do you think was his real hesitation?
4. Moses kept asking God for confirmation for what he was asking of him to do. What would say are excuses most people make when God asks them to do something out of the ordinary? How do you know it is God when he asks you to do something for him? Can you give an example?
5. Moses, David, Jesus were all shepherds, Jesus being the "Good Shepherd". (See John 10:11ff) Why do you think God called shepherds to lead people?
6. Read 1 Peter 5:1-4 Who is he talking to? Is it a select few or does this apply to all of us? Who are the people you are to take care of and influence...your flock? Do you see now how Moses denied his potential for influence and leadership? How can you better "Shepherd your flock" that God has given you? How will you lead them better?
7. Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. Why does Paul say he would rather boast about his weaknesses? What is the benefit according to Paul to recognize your weaknesses? Looking at verse 10: Is it difficult for you to have this life perspective like Paul?
8. Walk across the bridge from knowing to doing...How do we make it through the hard things God asks us to do in the midst of our weaknesses? How would you describe your prayer life? How could it improve? What does your Bible reading/study look like? How could it improve? How could you tangibly manage your weaknesses and develop your strengths?
9. Read Romans 5:20-21. How would you define or describe God's "wonderful grace"? What is one of the results according to Paul? How could you this week rely upon this wonderful grace?



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10. **TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion or nudge from the Holy Spirit? Be specific.

2024 TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGE: We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out the *Experience God* page. Go to canvas.church/experience-god or *Experience God* on the Canvas App., read the "Make Me Better" section, start a new discipline, try a new Bible engagement tool, or help someone go further on their faith journey. Let us know how it's going.

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

Challenge yourself and or your group to pray out loud. It may just be a sentence or two of something you thank God for, or ask God to bless and answer someone's prayer request.

1. We pray because we believe God can and will answer our prayers.
 2. We pray for each other out of obedience to God and out of love for each other.
 3. We pray out loud for each other so everyone will be blessed and encouraged.
- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
 - **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
 - **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
 - **Pray for the person on your right**, *it can be out loud or in silence*, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
 - **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
 - **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email rickz@canvas.church



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