The New Normal… Walking in the Presence and Power of Jesus

The Big Picture (Sanctification!)

Small Group Study Questions for the week of Oct 25-31

GETTING STARTED

Have you ever had a time in your life where you had difficulty learning a certain subject or topic, but in later years tackled that same subject or topic and learned it well? A time where you were open, ready, and motivated to learn and grow? What do you think might have happened between the 'difficulty learning' and the 'ready to learn' season?

DIGGING DEEP

1. What do you recall are the four major forces of sanctification?

2. What do you believe sanctification actually is?

3. What can we learn from Hebrews 10:8–10, 14, about how God has already sanctified us?

4. According to James 1:2–4, what can we learn about what God allows in our lives for our becoming more like Jesus?

5. Can you share about a time when the Lord used adversity or hardship to help you grow in your faith? If so, how did that help you when you experienced additional adversity later in life?

6. Can you give an example of where you have seen the truth from 2 Corinthians 3:18 in someone else's life? What did that look like?

7. In John 17:17, Jesus prayed for his disciples to be sanctified. What was the change agent that he prayed for? Can you give an example from your life where you've seen this happen?

8. We have seen that God allows adversity in our life to sanctify us, but what's the difference between that and when he uses discipline help us become more like Jesus, according to Hebrews 12:7–11?

9. In 1 Peter 1: 14–16, what does Peter challenge us to do and why?

10. The writer to the Hebrews gets after the believers and admonishes them for not putting out the effort in their own spiritual growth. What specific advice can we glean from Hebrews 5:11–14, and 6:1-3?

A MATTER OF PRAYER

Think for a moment in your life where you experienced significant spiritual growth? What do you feel was so special about that season? Take a few minutes in your group to thank the Lord for the fact that he doesn't leave us where he found us.

Next Week: The New Normal… Getting Ready To Walk In The Presence and Power of Jesus.