Weekend Message Questions Commitment to Community: Walking with God July 29, 2023

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CHECK-IN: Check with the members of your group to see how they are doing.

DISCUSS:

- How do you personally define community?
- What are some attributes of a community you would want to be part of?
- What communities have you been part of in your life and how have they impacted who you are today?
- What does being in community with God mean to you?

READ: Mark 12:28-33

- What stands out to you in this passage?
- From your perspective, what does this passage communicate about being committed to community with others and with God?

READ: Mark 12:30, Proverbs 23:26, Romans 10:9-10, Romans 12:1

- What stands out to you in these passages?
- "Walking with God starts with a surrendered heart." What does surrendering your heart to God mean for you? Is this something that comes easily for you, or something that takes more intentional effort? Why?
- Surrendering your heart to God means surrendering your will, your dreams, your purpose, and giving up control as you trust God with all of it. How does this type of surrender make you feel? Which one of these might make it harder for you to fully surrender your heart? Why?
- Is there something in your heart that you may be holding back from God? What could happen if you were able to fully surrender this part of your heart to God?

READ: Mark 12:30, Mark 12:33, Romans 12:1-2,

- What stands out to you in these passages?
- "...let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think." How does this statement make you feel?
- In your life, what have you changed your mind about once you gained more understanding? How did that change impact your life or those around you?
- Is it possible that you have opinions or ways of thinking that may be getting in the way of your ability to live in community with God?
- Are you willing to surrender your understanding and allow God to change your thinking in every area? Why or why not?

READ: Mark 12:30, Luke 10:25-37

- What stands out to you in these passages?
- There are several factors in this story which the Samaritan could have used as a reason to pass by, rather than take action. What external factors or internal beliefs in your life might make it difficult for you to serve those around you?
- "Surrendering our actions is physically serving the Lord by serving those around us." How do your actions show that you are in community with God?
- Do your actions line with God's purpose, even when it's not convenient or when it takes a sacrifice? How? How can you grow in this area?

Pray to close. Can you use prayer? <u>https://hopefellowship.net/prayer-request/</u>