

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Ice Breaker: *When you need to concentrate or study, what helps?*

Ice Breaker: *Would you prefer to live in a noisy urban environment or a quiet rural one?*

Pastors message was from Acts 21 and he spoke on Blocking Out The Noise. What was most helpful to you from the message?

What kinds of "noise" in your life are the most distracting when trying to follow God's will?

How do you typically respond to it?

Read Philippians 4:8. How does this verse help us block out the noise in our life?

Of the things verse 8 encourages us to think on, which one do you need to think on most right now?

Read Acts 21:10-15. In these verses, Agabus and others discouraged Paul from going back to Jerusalem, even though Paul felt led of the Spirit to go. How do other people's opinions (even well-meaning ones) sometimes create noise that distracts us from God's calling?

How do you discern between wise counsel and distractions?

Though the text doesn't explicitly say it, Paul might have experienced self-doubt when facing opposition and noise. How do you deal with self-doubt when pursuing God's plan?

Has there been a time when you felt doubt about God's direction or what He was leading you to do? Please explain.

Paul was resolute in following God's will despite the noise around him. What practices help you stay focused on God's will when making difficult decisions?

Proverbs emphasizes the importance of seeking counsel. How do you determine whose counsel to seek when making decisions? How has seeking counsel impacted your decision-making in the past?

Missionary of the week

BAPTIST CHURCH PLANTERS/WAYNE AND SHANNA DALE

Baptist Church Planters began in 1990 to assist churches and missionaries in planting or revitalizing Baptist churches across North America, seeking to impact communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the Glory of God. BCP works with various churches to help them become healthy and active places for worship and discipleship.

Reverend Wayne Dale is a pastor/missionary with BCP. He and his wife, Shanna, and family helped serve here at Desert Hills several years ago. They now serve at Grace Baptist Church in Scottsdale. Each of their three older children, Rylee, Gloria, and Claire, graduated from high school as their class valedictorian. Lots of pressure is on Simon, their youngest! All three are attending Arizona State University and are serving in ministry. Simon is an accomplished pianist. Wayne and Shanna love to connect with the variety of cultures and ages and spiritual needs of Grace Baptist. They pray for effectiveness and wisdom in ministering in their multicultural and multigenerational setting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Worship Night | September 15 | 5PM

Celebrate Recovery | Thursdays | 6:30PM

Women's Conference | September 27-28

Church Work Day | October 5 | 8AM