



Strengthening the Core: Week 6

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Acts 16

1. How did the Spirit of God guide the steps of the missionaries crossing from Asia to Europe (v6-15)?
2. What annoyances/struggles/resistance did this missionary team face (v16-24)?
3. How were Paul and Silas used powerfully by God, even when they were in prison (v25-34)?

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.*

4. Have you ever had a hard time figuring out God’s will and plans for your life? Do you know someone who seems to be in a “holding pattern” with regard to their next steps in life? How should Christians wait and listen for God’s direction? What does it look like?
5. I don’t know too many people who enjoy reflecting on the influence and power of Satanic/evil forces in our lives. However, the Bible teaches that for this dispensation of human history, that Satan is, “the prince of the power of the air”. One of the primary ways that Jesus combats the lies and attacks of Satan is with the Word of God (in the wilderness, post-Baptism).

What scriptures are helpful in reminding us that Satan has zero power over Christ and in fortifying us in the spiritual battle?

What are some of the personal battlefronts for you where Satan brings lies and discouragement?

6. At the end of Acts 16, God uses the chaos of an earthquake and a jailer ready to kill himself to usher in salvation for a family. What an amazing demonstration of God’s power in the middle of chaos!

Tell a story of God stepping into a chaotic or difficult situation in undeniable power to show His love and to bring breakthrough.

Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

7. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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