

Group Questions – Yearbook: Week 3

05/12/24 – Pastor Kirby

Getting to Know Me Questions:

- This Mother's Day, talk about a woman in your life that has made a significant impact. Who is she? What was the impact?
- If you could talk to your HS graduating self, what is one thing you'd encourage them to "change" or grow in/out of? Why?

Into the Bible Questions:

- What's something from this week's teaching that you learned, that stood out, interesting etc?
- **READ:** 2 Corinthians 5:17
- What words or phrases stick out to you in this verse?
- This verse talks of a stop/start idea in life. What does that mean or look like to you?
- God wants to change our name. We are given new names, God calls us chosen, forgiven, pure, righteous, holy, sanctified
- Of those names, is there one that is hard to accept? Why? Is there one that you don't understand?
- God wants to do 3 things in our life. Save you; Change you; Use you. What is it that God needs to do in your life? Are you willing to talk about that in your group?
- God starts this change process and is always with us. We are also an active change agent in our lives. Pastor Kirby gave 3 ways in which we can grow/change.
 1. Be OPEN to God's work in my life
- Pastor Kirby gave the overview of the Parable of the Sower found in Mark 4.
- What's the difference between being open to God's work in our life and expecting God to do everything in our life?
 2. Be LOOKING for God's work in my life.
- We often get spiritually discouraged because we don't believe God is doing anything in our lives. As part of our Spiritual change agent, it's important for us to actively look for God in our every day life. Take a minute to do this. Try to think introspectively about the events and people in your life. How has God worked in your life over the last year? Thoughts changed? Actions changed? Desires changed? Belief changed?
- **READ:** Psalm 51:10
- Wake up gratefully and expectantly every day. Think/say: "God, thank you for another day of life! Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me."
 3. Be ACTIVE in God's work in other's lives.
- This will take active spiritual "muscle building".
- **READ:** John 15:12 & 1 Peter 4:10
- As a group, couple, individual, what's a small step you can do to build this muscle?

Application Questions:

- **READ:** John 13:1-10.
- You want to be bold? In your group, wash each other's feet as an act of humility and service.

Beyond the yearbook: week 3

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2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

John 13:6-7

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

1. SAVE you
2. CHANGE you
3. USE you

Philippians 2:12-13

¹² Therefore, my dear friends...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

PLAYING A PART IN GOD'S CHANGE PROCESS...

1. Be OPEN to God's work in your life

Parable of the Sower – Mark 4

2. Be LOOKING for God's work in your life

Matthew 7:15-20

¹⁵ "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

Psalms 51:10

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Renew a loyal spirit within me.

3. Be ACTIVE in God's work in others' lives

John 15:12-13

¹² This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. ¹³ There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

1 Peter 4:10

¹⁰ God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.