

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Interview with Brian & Haley Sakultarawattn

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our New Small Groups Pastor Gary Beneventi would like to invite you to meet some of our staff this Sunday after the 12:00pm service! We will be in the Chapel (behind the security desk) from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Come anytime within this hour- We Look forward to seeing you.

MEMORY VERSE

“For I know my plans for you,” declares the Lord, “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.” – Jeremiah 29: 11

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GETTING STARTED

PROVERBS 18: 24 – A MAN OF MANY COMPANIONS COMES TO RUIN, BUT THERE IS A FRIEND THAT STICKS CLOSER THAN A BROTHER.

The above verse can have many applications. Can you think of any ways that it can be applied to the purpose of small groups?

DIGGING DEEPER

This week, Pastor Miles interviewed the amazing couple, Brian & Haley Sakultarawattn. For those who were there, share some of your thoughts and feelings about the service.

When Brian and Haley were young, they had a plan in mind of how their lives would play out, and then a life-altering event happened. What does this say about life, and our plans for our futures?

Before the accident, Brian and Haley had planned to get married, but even after the accident occurred, they still stuck to the plan. What does that tell you about our futures?

Marriage is challenging enough as it is, but Brian and Haley’s situation has brought additional challenges to their relationship, yet they not only have stayed together; they have thrived! How/why do you think this is the case?

God allowed a VERY challenging circumstance to happen to this couple, but He did not leave them to make it through on their own. It is very obvious that it would take supernatural strength to thrive in their circumstance, and that is exactly what they are doing. What does this tell you about God and where He is at when trials come our way?

God gave them the strength to have victory in their challenges, but it was up to Brian and Haley to use that strength. God always gives us what we need to make it, but we sometimes refuse to use his strength, and we try to do it our way. Why is that?

Brian said that we all have problems, but what's important is what your source of strength is. Why is God the ultimate source of strength, and why can it be challenging to rely on Him instead of ourselves?

In the world's eyes, this accident is a complete tragedy. Most people wouldn't want to live after such an event, but that's not Brian's attitude. How did he look at his circumstance, and compare it to how you look at trials in your lives?

BRINGING IT HOME

AND WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM, AND WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE. ROMANS 8:28

It's clear that God used Haley in a mighty way to support Brian through his accident 12 years ago. She helped bear his burden. This is one of the purposes of our small groups. This week, help bear the burden of one of your group members. Pray for them throughout the week and call them and encourage them.

God's plan slightly differed from Brian and Haley's, but they submitted to His will, and He has used them in a mighty way. Is there something in your life that you are not submitting to His will in? Tell a friend and let Him have His way in your life this week!