

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Signs of Life

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tonight we will be having our first Small Group Leadership training, and we are at capacity! We're excited to see God raise up leaders that will help equip the Body to grow and mature in Christ.

MEMORY VERSE

"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." – Hebrews 4:12 NKJV

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GETTING STARTED

This week's message was titled "Signs of Life". There are also signs of death. In your opinion, which is easier to identify, signs of life or signs of death? Why? (think in a spiritual sense)

DIGGING DEEPER

"FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND POWERFUL...)" HEBREWS 4:12 NKJV

1. The above verse describes the word of God as "living". How is that so? His word is not physically walking around, so what exactly does it mean for it to be "living"?
2. If the word of God is living, then there should be signs or evidence of it. What are some signs that prove it is alive?
3. In the sermon, the point was made that God's Word is a life giver, and that following it brings prosperity. Many people in the Scriptures, who obeyed the His Word, ended up in jail, beaten, and sometimes dead. If following God's Word brought them physical death, then how can one claim it is a life giver?
4. When the Scriptures speak of life and prosperity, we see it in earthly terms, but many times, it is speaking in spiritual terms. Though spiritual blessings last far longer than earthly blessings, we still tend to have a greater desire for the earthly. Why is that?
5. **Read Matthew 19: 16-22.** As you can see, if the rich young man would have obeyed Jesus' word, he would have lost everything he owned. Though he would have lost his earthly prosperity, he would have gained spiritual prosperity. As you can tell from the

- story, he went away discouraged. Though it is easy to judge his decision, let's examine our hearts for a minute. As in the story of the young rich man, would you honestly have sold everything and followed Jesus? Share your thoughts.
6. Let's take the above question a little deeper. Is there anything currently that God's words are telling you to let go of, or to start doing? If you don't mind, share with the group.
 7. If we are not willing to let go of the things we just shared, how can we claim to be willing to sell all of our possessions? What can we do to make the above issues happen?
 8. In the sermon, the point was made that God's word was a heart cleanser. So if I hear God's word, will my heart automatically be cleaned? Why or why not? If not, then how exactly does God's word clean someone's heart?
 9. Similar to the above question, God's word is a mind builder. What exactly does that mean, and how does that happen?
 10. If God's word claims to do all of these wonderful things to us, then why don't we do them? If we know what's best for us, but can't seem to consistently carry it out, what does that tell you about humans? This should give you a peak into why Jesus and the Holy Spirit are so necessary for earthly and eternal life. Explain why.

BRINGING IT HOME

“BUT BE DOERS OF THE WORD, AND NOT ONLY HEARERS, DECIEVING YOURSELVES.” –JAMES 1: 22

1. God's word is a life giver, soul invader, truth discerner, heart cleanser, and mind builder, but there is a key step to make of this happen. If someone turns on a shower, their body will not be clean until they get in and allow the water to clean them. The cleaning requires the person to DO SOMETHING (ie. get in the shower). God's word is the same way. It can spiritual bless us, but it requires more than just hearing; it requires doing/obeying. This week, let's show evidence of our faith in God's word by doing it. Go back to what everyone shared from Question #6, and hold each other accountable to start or stop doing it. Live long and prosper!
2. Make a list for everything your group can think of that would be a sign that they have the life of Christ (the life Christ wants them to have). Now examine yourself. Are you showing signs of spiritual life? If not do the above and obey God. If His word is truth, then you will be blessed!