

Small Group Studies



'Bringing God and people together'

Life is never an event, but a journey

Many people have a mentality that if they can just have the one victory or possess that one thing then they will be happy.

Q: Have you ever thought like this about anything?

The journey will require Staying Power

Many old movies have an ending of a couple sailing into the sunset to live happily ever after. Even many newer movies are what we call feel good movies in which all wrong is fully punished and all right is fully blessed.

There will always be some things not right this side of eternity that we are going to have to work through.

Heb. 6:12 *"Do not become sluggish but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises"*

Q: What are some character traits that help people walk successfully through difficult stages in life?

Knowing the Will of God

Although many people easily justify all sorts of wrong actions with the phrase "god told me". There is no substitute for knowing the perfect will of God for your life and present situation.

I have found that knowing the will of God will simplify life because it creates that one thing that you know that sticks out above all else. His will, will always line up with His word. It is not something to be assumed or not something that may be known instantly. It will involve trust, relationship and confidence in God even when circumstances and feelings are contrary. God will normally not reveal anything to a person unless we are walking in obedience to what He has already revealed to us.

Because God loves us He thinks about our destiny.

Ps.47:4 says that *"He will choose our inheritance for us"*.

Q. What can you see yourself doing in the future?

Dealing with the Past

We all have a past that would seek to hold us back. I love what king David did after he sinned because of lust, adultery and murder.

Read 2 Sam.12:16-20

Although David would have been plagued with guilty feelings he got up and moved on. We all sin but not all of us have the staying power to move on and put our sin behind us.

Q. What are some of the things that will help us to move on?

Too many people have their lives defined by weaknesses or past mistakes.

We can be so ruled by what we don't have or can't do. Too many find it difficult to have a staying power that will take them through to their future because they cannot let go of their past.

Q. We should be defined by the Word of God and our future inheritance. What are some of the things that God would say about you that can really build us up?