



LIFEgroup Homework

Week of February 11, 2007

The Sovereignty of God

(Do you have an accurate view of God?)

There is nothing more important or fulfilling in life than to experience an intimate relationship with the God of the Universe. This week we learned about Asaph, the writer of Psalm 73, who was brutally honest about his struggle to understand why life doesn't seem fair. He was ready to throw in the towel and quit. He was ready to go AWOL from God's ultimate agenda on this planet.

Ultimately, when everything is stripped away, God created us to love Him and to worship Him wholeheartedly in spite of whatever circumstances or obstacles we face. In the last few weeks we have learned this lesson from the life of Job, from Isaiah and now from the Psalmist Asaph.

Your LIFEgroup should have a social scheduled on the calendar by now. Let me encourage you to make it a high priority as it will make all the difference in helping you get to know others in your group on a personal level.

This is the third week, so if you haven't signed the covenant, this is the week where we ask every LIFEgroup member to commit to being an active participant. For a group to be healthy and vital, it makes all the difference when group members are willing to commit to be faithful to one another and to the Lord. After all, you get out of the group according to what you put in.

Pastor Stan

Sharing Questions

- 1) What makes a great advertising campaign? What is the ultimate goal of the advertiser?
- 2) Which is your favorite commercial, jingle, or phrase?
- 3) If you could ask God one question, what would it be?

Getting Started (questions):

Marketing is designed to convince you that happiness is dependent upon purchasing something. You will be happier, more fulfilled, and connected to the current generation if you purchase an Xbox 360 (your kids told me to say that). This is called materialism, believing that things will bring lasting happiness.

This week Pastor Stan helped us to understand from Psalm 73, that when we have a personal relationship with the living God, we have everything. Yet it is a common temptation to forget how good we have it.

1. When was the last time you most wanted to ask God “why?”
2. What do you think is the most common reason that people walk away from the faith?

Read Philippians 1:12-21

Paul is writing from prison. He did nothing to deserve his situation in life. If anyone could have said, "this is not fair God," it would have been Paul. What can we learn from his perspective when faced with unfair circumstances?

Application:

When a believer is tempted to become bitter, give up on the faith, and walk away from God, what advice would you give? What passage of Scripture has been most encouraging to you when going through hard times?

Write a prayer to God expressing your heart to know Him more fully and intimately:

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