



LIFEgroup Homework

Week of March 4, 2007

Taste and See

(Are you experiencing intimacy with God?)

Not only is God BIG and magnificent, He is personal and intimate. Our God is so great that He does not need us, yet He is so loving that he wants to have a personal relationship with us.

We have four weeks left of our LIFEgroup cycle. If you are interested in leading a group that will launch after Easter, now is the time to begin preparations so that we can collect your information and train you in our next Basic Leader Training seminar on March 21st.

March 16th is the Vincent Celebration. The fun begins at 7:00pm so don't miss out on this opportunity to honor Jay and Harriet.

Sharing Questions

- 1) Who was the most personable person in the family when you were a child? Why?

- 2) Who was your closest friend in High School? Why did you connect?

Homework:

A popular song had a line, "Trying to love two ain't easy to do." Jesus Christ deserves to be your one and only, your first love. During the sermon, we learned that 1. Purity 2. Exclusivity and 3. Honesty all lead to intimacy with God. Which of these is the biggest challenge for you? Why? Be honest ☺.

Read James 4:1-10

- 1) Ask the Lord to reveal how you are doing in cultivating an intimate relationship with Him. Write down what He reveals...

Read 1 Kings 3:2-15

Describe the kind of intimate relationship Solomon had with God:

How was God pleased with Solomon?

What was the promise that God gave in verse 14? Why do you think God asked for this kind of commitment?

Read 1 Kings 11:1-13

What does this passage teach us about the importance of loving God exclusively? How did Solomon “two time” God?

Because Solomon compromised his pure and exclusive commitment to God, by marrying a second foreign wife, what did it eventually lead to? What can we learn from Solomon’s failure?

Solomon was the smartest man on the planet, and yet we find him doing the most foolish thing, worshiping idols at the end of his life. None of us are as smart as Solomon, so what gives us hope that we will not follow in his failure to finish well?

Application:

C.S. Lewis said, “the real Christian’s nostril should be regularly attentive to his inner cesspool.” Do you agree? How does that make you feel? When was the last time you took inventory of your passionate desire to have an intimate relationship with God?

Pray this passage: **Psalm 139:23-24** Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.NIV
Write down what God reveals to you:

Memory Verse:

Psalm 34:8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.NIV

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