Week 4 Daily CG question Spring 4/30/23

"New Life Series Week 3" Groups Week 4

Question for the Season: What brings/steals your joy and peace?

Main Verses for the Week: Acts 6 and 7

Day 1 - Scripture Reading and Study / Seeking Guidance

- Read Acts 6:8-15.
- What characteristics of Stephen do you see in these verses?
- What can you do to tap into those godly attributes?

Day 2 - Space for Reflection and Prayer

- Reflect on "being full of grace and power."
- Is there anything hindering you from being full of grace and power?
- Make a list of what you feel you should be prioritizing in your life at this moment, and then make a list of what your schedule says you are currently prioritizing. Does your schedule align with what you want your priorities to be?
- What steps of action will you take to make the changes necessary to "live" the new priorities you have listed?
- Pray that you would make space for the Holy Spirit to pour into your life so much that you overflow with Him.

Day 3 - Time for Repentance

- Do you need to empty out anything from your heart, soul, or mind that is unholy—with the idea of "garbage in, garbage out" and "good stuff in, good stuff out."
- Are you harboring any qualities, habits, or emotions that would not be pleasing to God?
 If so, write them down.
- Find a Bible verse that counters your struggle with what you just wrote and use that truth to help set you free from that stronghold.
- What will you allow God to replace that void with? The fruit of the Spirit or . . . ?

Day 4 - Tangible Hope / Generosity / Serve

- The author of Acts described Stephen as being full of grace and power. What words would someone use to describe your spiritual life?
- Look at your new priority list from Day 2 and add at least one of those items to your schedule for this week.
- Have you encountered Jesus in a tangible way? Have your attitudes, perspective, or actions changed as a result? How?
- Consider this: At the end of Acts 7 at the stoning of Stephen, we read that Saul (who became Paul and later wrote much of the New Testament) was there. We don't know how much Stephen's life impacted Paul, but this passage is a great reminder that although you may not see the fruit of your life now, God can use your story in ways you may never know.

Day 5 - Worship / Celebrate / Encourage

- Stephen's address in Acts 7 is like a highlight reel of some of the amazing things God had done in the past. What would make up your highlight reel from the stories you know in Scripture?
- What would make up a highlight reel of your personal walk with God?
- Is there a worship song that resonates with you about how God has shown up throughout your life? Play that song and worship Him. Celebrate Him now!