

Fellowship Group Homework & Discussion

Getting Started

1. How has your life been changed or impacted throughout the last 10 years by 9/11?
2. What impacted you the most from last Sunday's sermon?

Going Deeper

3. Pastor Chris pointed out three reasons why you might experience bad events in your life. Read each of the following passages and explain that reason. Give an example from your life for each one. How should we respond to each of these areas?

- Isaiah 3:10-11
Reason

Example

Our Response

- John 15:1-8
Reason

Example

Our Response

- Genesis 3:1-24/John 16:33
Reason

Example

Our Response

4. Did the events of 9/11 move you closer to God or further from God? Explain.
5. Explain a personal tragedy you have experienced? Did it move you closer to or further away from God? Explain.
6. Read 2 Chronicles 7:14. Even though this verse is a specific promise to Israel, these four actions seem to be highly valued by God throughout all times and places. List these four items and describe what each one means.
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7. Knowing that all four of these are important, which one of these stand out as your greatest personal need at this time?
8. What would it look like if our church took this verse seriously?

9. A key purpose of our Fellowship Groups is to provide accountability. To help with that, discuss the following questions:

- Have you been making it a regular priority to attend a Sunday morning worship service?
- Have you been faithful in making Fellowship Group attendance a top priority?
- Are you praying regularly for the members of your Fellowship Group?
- Are you caring for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those in your Fellowship Group?
- Are you taking steps to become more transparent with your Fellowship Group?
- Are you serving regularly in one area of ministry, preferably in your area of giftedness?
- Are you maintaining your Oikos list?
- Are you praying regularly for your Oikos list?
- What have you done this last week to reveal God to at least one member of your Oikos?



9/11: 10 Years Later

Luke 13:1-9
September 11, 2011

I. The Concern of the Crowd: The Meaning of Tragedy (13:1-5)

A. Two Examples

Example #1: Galileans Killed by Pilate

Example #2: The Falling Tower of Siloam

B. Understanding Tragedy

1. Natural Consequences to Sin

2. God's Loving Discipline

3. General Consequences of Sin

II. The Concern of Jesus: Unfruitful People (13:6-9)

Responding to Tragedy:

1. Tragedy Reminds Us That Life is Fragile.

2. Tragedy Gives Us The Opportunity to Reflect Upon Eternity

3. Tragedy Allows Us To Evaluate Our Fruitfulness

4. Tragedy Encourages Us to Celebrate the Mercy of God

5. Tragedy Propels Us To Redefine Our Role in Community