

Fellowship Group Homework and Discussion

Getting Started

1. Have you ever received a gift where it seemed like it was more of what the giver wanted than what you would want? Describe that time.
2. What one point sticks out in your mind from last week's sermon?

Going Deeper

3. Read Genesis 4:1-7, Micah 6:6-8 and Matthew 23:23. Why is God pleased with some things that we bring to Him but not with others?
4. In the sermon, Pastor Chris suggested that God's love language is faith. We offer many different things to God. How can each of the following be offered in a way that would not make God smile and in a way that would make God smile?
 - Reading the Bible
 - Giving of Money
 - Going to Church
 - Participating in a Fellowship Group
(this is a trick question: God always likes you being in a Fellowship Group) 😊
 - Serving in the Church
 - Corporate Worship
 - Political Involvement

5. Read Psalm 42. List as many things as possible (with verse reference) that you notice which indicate the psalm writers' passion and desire for God.
6. Re-read Psalm 42:1-2. Re-write these verses in your own words to reflect your heart for God.
7. What specific things did the psalm writers' do to allow their walk with God to flourish?
 - V. 4 (Hint: What is the Sunday morning attitude when getting ready and traveling to church?)
 - V. 5 (Hint: What do they anticipate for the future?)
 - V. 8 (Hint: Consider the two times of day that they describe?)
8. The psalm writers listed three things that allowed their walk with God to flourish (see question 7). If you were to continue to write this Psalm, what things would you add (things that you do a good job at in allowing your walk with God to flourish)?
9. What things do you need to focus on to improve your walk with God?

10. 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?

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Living A Life Of Faith **Part 2: Please God**

Hebrews 11:4-7
Pastor Chris Inman
April 25, 2010

I. How do we make God smile?

God's Love Language: _____

- Draw near to God.
- Believe He exists.
- Believe He rewards those who seek Him.

II. Why do we care if God smiles?

- A. God's smile should be our greatest desire.
- B. God's smile impacts the course of our life.
 1. The Example of Cain and Abel.
 2. The Example of Noah.
- C. God's smile impacts our eternity.
 1. The Example of Enoch.