

Fellowship Group Homework and Discussion

Getting Started

1. Have you ever seen somebody who demonstrated deep faith in God while walking through a painful experience? Describe that time. Why did you admire their faith?

2. What one point sticks out in your mind from last week's sermon?

Going Deeper

3. Read 2 Corinthians 11:22-12:10. List every difficult experience Paul faced that is listed in this passage.

4. List any additional difficult things Paul faced that you can remember (or find in Scripture).

5. How did Paul choose to be a painful change-agent in his faith?
 - 12:6
 - 12:7
 - 12:9
 - 12:9
 - 12:15
 - 12:19

6. How can Memorial Day be a good reminder of how Christians should live as painful change agents?

7. Is there a time in your life when you had the opportunity to live as a painful change agent and you chose to demonstrate great faith? What factors allowed you to thrive in that trial?

8. Is there a time in your life when you had the opportunity to live as a painful change agent and you demonstrated a lack of faith? What can you learn from that experience to help you thrive in future opportunities?

9. The fifth mindset we considered was being a painful change agent.. On a scale of 1-10 (10 being highest), how true is this mindset in your life? Based on the sermon and your study this week, what is one way you can move up some on this scale?

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?



Living A Life Of Faith Part 7: Painful Change Agents

Hebrews 11:32-40
Pastor Chris Inman
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I. Six Models of Courageous Change Agents (11:32)

II. The Experiences of Change Agents (11:33-40)

A. Two Types of Relationships

1. My Oikos
2. Other Believers

B. Developing Change-Making Moments

1. Impacting Society (11:33)
2. Experiencing Testimony Moments (11:33-34)
3. Demonstrating God's Power in Life (11:34-35)
4. Revealing God's Worth in Death (11:35-38)