

LOVE

Theme: Love 25

Discipleship groups purpose: Each member being transformed into the image of the Son.

Key Truth: Relationship with Rules leads to Righteousness.

Key Scripture: *2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*

Read: I am not a big fan of using the word rules, so for the purpose of this we will use the word TEACHINGS. When we have a loving and all knowing relationship with Jesus Christ His teachings become our source of life which leads us into a life of righteousness. You may ask what is a life of righteousness?

A life of righteousness is broken into two parts. Firstly it is a life that knows without any shadow of a doubt that the blood of Jesus Christ has cleansed it from all iniquity and sin, every transgression, all past, present and future sin has been washed clean by Jesus' death and resurrection. Paul said he was not ashamed of the gospel because he knew how right the gospel had made him. This is the first part of a life of righteousness through receiving God's teachings, which enables us to live out and demonstrate a life of righteousness.

A life of righteousness is a life that lives in an alignment to the Father and the Father's blueprint and way. This life flows in the power of the Spirit and walks in step with the Spirit of God, only doing what the Spirit leads.

1 Peter 2:24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

We are to live lives of righteousness. Jesus lived a life of righteousness and so did Paul and it was Paul who said imitate me as I imitate Christ. Paul fought a good fight of faith to receive a crown of righteousness. We to must enter into this same kind of faith if we are to receive this crown in the future.

2 Timothy 4:7-8 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

It's our relationship based on His love that has us fully embracing all of His teaching, no matter how hard those teachings may appear. We allow His word to wash over us and fill every part of our spirit, soul and body.

Questions:

1. Why is a healthy relationship with the Father, Son and Spirit so vital when it comes to us embracing the Father's teaching?
2. How did Jesus demonstrate a life of righteousness for us to see?
3. What is the fruit that one can expect to have from living a life of righteousness?
4. How does knowing there is a crown of righteousness awaiting all those who live a life of righteousness inspire and encourage you to live this way?

Action: What is one thing you need to put in place from going through this resource?