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TAKING IT HOME

1. One of the signs we understand that we are only managers of what we have, not owners, is an attitude of gratitude. That means we focus on what we have, not on what we want or don't have. Take a minute to make a list of what you have and then spend some time thanking God for it.

2. Is there anything you're currently waiting on God for that you'd like prayer for?

Prayer Requests:

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REAL MAN WEEKEND: Our Real Man Weekend for the Oakbridge Experience is set for October 21-23. The weekend will include plenty of man event options (paintball $40, golf $55, sports, mountain biking, road biking, 4x4ing, sleeping & eating, etc.). Cost is $169-199. The speakers are Bob Vernon & Sonny Herr. This event sold out last year. Space is limited. Don't delay! Register online at northcoastchurch.com.

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Growth Group Homework

For the week of October 2, 2011

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

MY STORY

1. Although it seems like we spend a lot of time waiting – in traffic, at the DMV, in a doctor's waiting room – for most of us waiting is not something we enjoy or are good at. In what situations do you find it hardest to wait?

2. If you were asked to take inventory of your possessions, what three things would you put at the top of your list as being most important to you? What things would be at the bottom of your list?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. We heard this weekend about God's incredible patience. The flip side of his patience is that we're often left waiting for him to work. His timing can take longer than we think it should, which means we're left waiting on him. What purposes do the following passages suggest for why God has us wait?

    2 Peter 3:8-9

    Romans 5:3-5

    Psalm 13 is the prayer of a person who is familiar with waiting. What can you learn from this Psalm about what acceptable prayers in a time of waiting looks like?

2. In the parable we read this weekend we, saw how the renters lost sight of who the real owner of the vineyard was. It's easy for us to do the same with the things we have. What principles do you see in 1 Chronicles 29:10-17 that could help you remember who the real owner of everything you have is?

    How does 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 expand the idea of ownership and what God ultimately wants us to do with what he has given us?

3. Larry talked about God not being there to serve us or fulfill our agenda. In 1 Samuel 4:1-11 we find the Israelites expecting him to do just that. This story deals with the Ark of the Covenant, which to them was a symbol of God's presence and power. Over time, they began to believe that the physical presence of the Ark would cause God to bail them out of any situation they had gotten themselves into. What's surprising about what happened in this story?

    Can you think of any modern day examples of how we expect things from God or expect him to work in certain ways that in reality he has not promised us?