

Growth Group Homework

For the week of November 3, 2013

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. When it comes to how we view ourselves we all have different perspectives of our self worth and can end up out of balance and at one extreme. Put an "x" on the line where you go when you move toward an extreme.

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2. What was your response to Chris' comment, "God is always watching"?

3. What were the top 2 or 3 things you valued when you were a kid? How has that changed?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. All of us want to be valued, but it's no surprise to most of us when we find ourselves placing our value in the wrong things and missing how much God loves and values us. How do the following verses add to what we heard this weekend and affirm God's love and value of those who commit to follow him?

1 Peter 2:9

1 John 4:4

2 Corinthians 5:17

Romans 8:31, 38-39

Which one of these might you have a tendency to forget, causing you to derail from experiencing and living out God's view of who you are?

2. Another aspect of understanding God's great love for us is to know that being created in God's image (Genesis 1:26) means there is intrinsic value and worth for all humans. In Psalm 8, David wrestles with the implication of this in his own life. What does he conclude about God and our value and worth in this Psalm?

Looking back on your past, can you think of any ways what you valued has changed for the good and/or values you've found to be a challenge to change?

3. We've all fallen into the trap of thinking too highly of ourselves on occasion. How do the following verses help us avoid this pitfall and put into action what it means to have great worth?

Ephesians 2:10

Romans 12:3

Philippians 2:3-4

TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at this week's teaching and study is there:

... something you need to place less and/or more value on?

... an aspect of God's grace and love you need to more fully embrace because of how much he values you?

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9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. [NIV]

1 John 4:4

4 You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. [NIV]

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! [NIV]

Romans 8:31

More Than Conquerors

31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? [NIV]

Romans 8:38-39

38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. [NIV]

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Psalm 8

For the director of music. According to gittith. A psalm of David.

1 Lord, our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory
 in the heavens.
2 Through the praise of children and infants
 you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
 to silence the foe and the avenger.
3 When I consider your heavens,
 the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
 which you have set in place,
4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
 human beings that you care for them?
5 You have made them a little lower than the angels
 and crowned them with glory and honor.
6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
 you put everything under their feet:
7 all flocks and herds,
 and the animals of the wild,
8 the birds in the sky,
 and the fish in the sea,
 all that swim the paths of the seas.
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10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. [NIV]

Romans 12:3

Humble Service in the Body of Christ

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. [NIV]

Philippians 2:3-4

3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. [NIV]

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