

45 DAYS

THOUGHTS FROM THE SABBATICAL



For Group Discussion

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

Check-in

Last Week's Action Step

From the information we discussed the last time we met, what did you apply to your life in a practical way?

Introduction

God wants to create a community of people who are being transformed from the inside out. He wants to develop our character to reflect His son, Jesus, so that we can live our lives in a way that makes it possible for others to know Him. If we want to be a part of what God is doing, we need to start by getting to know God.

Discussion Questions

1. This week, Danny shared three ideas that were impressed on him during his sabbatical – life is a war, we don't have to hustle for worth, and God wants to be known. Which of the three ideas impacted you the most? Why?

2. Read 1 Peter 5:8. Too many times we don't see or understand the spiritual warfare going on in our lives. In the space below, list and share some of the ways "the enemy" attacks you. In your life, what is at stake if the enemy wins?

What practical steps can you take this week to successfully stand against the attacks of the enemy?

3. Read 1 Samuel 16:7. Many times we look at the outward appearance to determine our worth and the worth of others, but during his sabbatical Danny felt assurance that he didn't need to "hustle for worth." What are some ways you have "hustled for worth" in the past? What were the results?

What are some practical steps you can take this week to stop the constant hustling for worth in your life?

Small Group Questions Continued

4. Read Proverbs 9:10 and Romans 1:28. Danny said, "God wants to be known...and the knowledge of God is what we need most." Do you agree or disagree? Why?

Read Matthew 5:14-16. Based on these words of Jesus, what is God's plan for revealing Himself to the world today? Who did God use to reveal Himself to you?

What specific things do you need to surrender to God this week in order to make it possible for others to know God through the changes He is making in you?

Action Step

Fill in the blanks below for this upcoming week.

My action steps are _____

I'm accountable for _____, and their action steps are

My memory verse is _____

This coming week, I'm praying for:

Outreach: Groups in Action

OUR CHURCH

We are always looking for volunteers to help in our Student Ministries. Do you have a passion for middle or high school students? Contact Breanne Schafer for more information - bschafer@eclife.org.

OUR COMMUNITY

Haven Sanctuary for Women is hosting a garage sale on August 13 at Greenwood Wesleyan Church, 198 Emerson Avenue, Greenwood. How can you help? Drop off items to donate and then come to the sale from 8am-2pm. For more information contact Carol at carola317@aol.com.

OUR WORLD

Write out prayer cards for the leaders of our global mission partners. Bill & Kelli Luallen lead Hope Road in Nicaragua. Rick & Katie Johnson lead Exodo Church in Colombia. Frank Williams leads SMI-Haiti. They face tough decisions and circumstances every day, and could use your prayers and encouragement. Drop your cards off at the Information or Outreach desk during weekend services or the office during the week.