

New Life Small Group Questions - Sunday, March 21, 2021

ANTICIPATE! CONCLUSION

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

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1. Sanctification means to “make holy” or “set apart”, and it’s the process of the Holy Spirit working in us to help us progressively die to sin and live for Christ so that we will be blameless at the coming of our Lord. God is working behind the scenes and will complete the work of sanctification, but we have a big role in cooperating with God’s sanctifying work in our life too (Philippians 2:12-13). Talk about the balance of our role vs. God’s role in sanctification and how has this played out in your life?
2. Read 1st Thessalonians 5:14-15: Paul shows us that there are diverse needs in the body and there is not a one-size-fits-all approach to meeting needs in the body of Christ. At times we’re called to WARN, at other times we’re called to ENCOURAGE, and at other times we’re called to HELP. Talk about different situations in your life where you’ve had to change your approach to meeting needs in the church and talk about the outcome.
3. Read 1st Thessalonians 5:16-18: We can thank God in ALL circumstances because we know that He is working ALL things for the good of His people (Romans 8:28). Do you find yourself thanking God only for what you deem to be “good” in your life, or are you also thanking God for what doesn’t seem to be “good”, trusting that He is working it out for your eternal good? Talk about your prayer life and how you could grow in this area?
4. Read 1st Thessalonians 5:19-22: What does it mean to “quench” or “put out” the Holy Spirit and what types of behaviors grieve the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30-32)? What are some results of quenching the Holy Spirit and how have you seen this play out in your life?

Meeting on Zoom or in a room - Use this format:

1. Welcome everyone - Check-in! *How’s everyone doing?*
2. Make plans for any ministry or fun activities you’ll be doing soon as a group!
3. Discuss the Small Group Discussion Questions.
4. Share prayer requests, break into smaller groupings, and then pray for each other.

If launching or starting a NEW online small group:

1. Pick a couple of friends.
2. Pick a platform to use - (Zoom or any number of options!)
3. Use the above agenda!