

Connecting Group Study Guide

Knowing, Growing, Going

Week of October 2 - 8, 2016

Follow-up:

1. Start by checking in with each other about your previous week.
2. Read this past Sunday's Scripture passage once again – Mark 11:12-25

Questions:

1. This week we explored the scriptures regarding “weeds” that block up our prayer life. We discussed the importance of preparing the soil of our lives in anticipation of what God wants to do in us and for us. Here, again, are the potential “weeds” to prayer: (1) Mistreating others, (2) Doubt, (3) Unforgiveness, (4) Lifestyle and (5) Selfishness. When it comes to your own prayer life, which one of these “weeds” have you dealt with in your own experience?
2. In the Mark 11:12-25 passage, how does Jesus address this issue? According to this passage, what is the fruit of a life of discipleship (closely following after Jesus)?
3. How did God speak to you during this past Sunday's sermon? What was an important takeaway for you?
4. In the sermon we were referred to the following quote from Michael J. Wilkins: “Jesus' cursing the fig tree is not a fit of temper but a symbolic act, demonstrating that God's creatures must produce that for which they were created—to carry out God's will, which means entering into a discipleship relationship with him and then demonstrating fruit from that relationship in a life of faith empowered by prayer...If God directs them to move a mountain, God will supply the power for it to be accomplished. They simply must be obedient and say yes to his will.”

What “mountain” are you dealing with in life right now? What do you think God is calling you to do about it? How might God desire to use that “mountain” to impact others around you?

Close in Prayer:

Ask God to glorify himself in the middle of the “mountain” situations you are dealing with.