

Sunday, November 14, 2021 - "Guar-an-tee" - Kevin Dupree

Key Passages: Luke 18:18-30, Romans 12:1

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- The problem is not what we ask but WHY we ask
 - What is underneath your questions?
 - Jesus knew what was behind the rich young ruler's questions
- Following Jesus is about self sacrifice
 - No about rules or how many good things we can do
 - The opposite of self righteousness
 - Romans 12:1
- God dealt with Peter after dealing with the rich young ruler
 - Peter was hot headed/impulsive/risky...could be called a gambler
 - Jesus understands Peter's heart when he addresses him (Peter: we left everything for you)
- The Simon/Peter in all of us
 - God transformed Simon into Peter
 - What is your "inner war" where God is trying to transform you?
- Jesus doesn't need us to be put together before we come to Him
 - God can use our strengths right now in our calling
 - We think we have to change completely before we can be used by God
- "Our greatest strengths can become our greatest weaknesses if we don't allow the Holy Spirit to transform us" - Kevin Dupree
- God wants to shift our gamble to a guarantee
- Fight FROM victory instead of for victory
- When we fight from victory, the posture of our heart and how we approach difficult circumstances and situations changes
- Obstacles become opportunities
 - For us to grow
 - Jesus doesn't avoid obstacles. He presses through them and obliterates them
 - Obstacles grow your guarantee

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What have you learned about the why behind your questions and your prayers? How has it shaped the way you era and interact with God?
2. When was a time following God became more about self righteousness than self sacrifice for you? How has God grown you in laying down your life?
3. How have you seen your greatest strengths become weaknesses?
4. What does it mean to you to fight from victory instead of fighting for victory?
5. How have you seen obstacles become opportunities? How had God used obstacles to grow and change you?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: 2 Peter 1 Tues: 2 Peter 2 Wed: 2 Peter 3 Thurs: 1 John 1 Fri: 1 John 2

Songs from the weekend: [Shall Not Want - *Maverick City*] - [Graves Into Gardens - *Elevation Worship*] - [Worthy of it All - *Bethel Music*] - [Here As In Heaven - *Elevation Worship*]