

Small Group Study Guide

Week #2 – “Your Biggest Fan”

MAIN POINT: You are playing for an audience of One.

Gathering Question:

Who have been two or three people who have really encouraged you in life?

Watch Video

Reflection Questions

1. I assume that one of the reasons that people don't serve is that they are afraid of what other people will think if they serve. Has there ever been something that you wanted to do, but didn't because of fear about how others might react to your service?
2. Another reason people may not serve is because they have a false view of God. What are the various false views of God that people might have that would keep them from serving? (ex: they think God wants to them to be perfect, etc)
3. When we think about who we are in Christ, we have to think of who we would be or would have been without Him. Read Ephesians 2:13-22. Explain in your own words who we are without Christ and with Christ?
4. After examining who we are with Christ, let's remind ourselves as to the basis in which Christ has brought us into His family but using the Biblical and social concept of adoption. Think about when a child is adopted at birth; is that child adopted for how good they are and how good they are going to be, or is it something else?
5. If we can imagine who we are with and without Christ (Question #3) and the basis upon which God has adopted us (Question #4), how do these concepts change the way we think about being used for God's purposes?
6. We often get confused and think we should try to please others rather than God. How does 1 Thes 2:4 help to set us straight? If we are honest are there people that we are seeking the approval of more than God?
7. Every religion, other than Christianity, has whatever spiritual benefit they promote (reincarnation, karma, afterlife, enlightenment) as something to be earned by doing or not doing certain things. How would you explain how Christianity differs? How would you respond to the thought that if we are saved by faith and grace why should we participate in what God wants to do in us and through us?
8. How does thinking about God as your biggest fan motivate you to participate in what God wants to do in you and through you?

This Week:

1. Read one chapter of the book of Galatians per day. Ask how that passage relates to living our lives as the result of the fact that God has already approved of us rather than thinking that we need to be approved by God.
2. In preparation for next weeks small group take the spiritual maturity survey which starts on page 10 to look at where and how God wants you to grow.
3. Take an opportunity to write down your insights and possible actions in the "Game Plan" section of the book.

Who is Your
Biggest Fan?

