

Getting into Our LivesGroup time - 20 minutes

1. When was the last time you were truly sorrowful over your own sin?
When, if ever, have you grieved over the sin of others?

2. Though we are to grieve over our sin, we are not to stay there. Read together and then memorize one of the following scriptures to remind you of the comforting good news that we have in Jesus.
 - 1 John 1:9
 - Colossians 1:13-14
 - Isaiah 43:25
 - Ephesians 1:7

3. When was the last time someone pointed out your sin? How did you respond? How can you grow in meekness, so that you respond better?

Getting Out the GospelGroup time - 5 minutes

What is one way you can put the people you're praying for ahead of yourself?

What is a way that they wouldn't expect or might be costly to you?

Getting into PrayerGroup time - 10 minutes

Reach: "Holy God, help me to put others ahead of myself and by doing so, to share Your great love for them."

Growth: "Grow in me a sorrow and hatred of sin with a true purpose of changing for the better, arising out of a love for You and Your glory."

Empower: "Increase our contentment in Christ so that we might willingly take on whatever costs will allow others to find their contentment in Christ too."

Seriously, Not Seriously
Matthew 5:4-5

I. Serious About Sin

Matthew 5:4

II. Not Too Serious About Self

Matthew 5:5

*The citizens of God's kingdom take sin seriously,
but not themselves so much.*

I never knew:

I need to change:

I should share:

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

Week of October 15, 2017

Getting StartedGroup time - 15 minutes

1. What was the last movie or show you watched that made you cry? What about it got you emotional?
2. What are some ways that you see popular culture encouraging us to focus on ourselves? Think of popular books, songs, advertising or other forms of messaging that advocate this self-focused ideal.

Getting into God's WordGroup time - 40 minutes

Read Matthew 5:4

1. Why would mourners be blessed? What are they mourning?
2. What sort of comfort does the gospel bring to this kind of mourning?
3. Beyond ourselves, what else should make us mourn? See also: Psalm 119:136; Philippians 3:18

Read Romans 7:24-25

4. How does Paul mourn? How is he comforted?

Read Matthew 5:5

5. What does it mean to have the spiritual quality of "meekness"? How is this different than being "weak" or "mild-mannered"?

6. Why would those who are "meek" inherit the earth? How and when does this happen?

Read Philippians 4:10-13

7. Paul went through many difficulties. Why do you think he did not complain? What was the secret of his contentment?
8. How did Paul's contentment affect how he was able to serve others?