

Community Group Growth Questions

1. Share with the group any insight, truth, or observation from Sunday's message that helped you, troubled you, or ministered to you.
2. How would you describe a "tough" man? How does the Bible describe this man? (Prov. 3:25-26 / Psalm 91 / 1 Peter 3:13-17 / 2 Cor. 6:1-10 & 10:3-6)
3. How would you describe a "tender" man? What are the Biblical characteristics that show genuine tenderness? (Prov. 3:3 / 1 Th. 2:7-12 / Titus 3:1-2)
4. What are some ways that we can be more intentional in our daily lives, in our spiritual growth, and in living and sharing the gospel? Why is being intentional so vital? (Prov. 3:9-12, 27-35 / Eph. 4:1 / Col. 2:6 / Heb. 12:1-4, 12-15)
5. What does genuine commitment look like? (Prov. 3:1, 5-7, 20-26 / Deut. 6:5-6)
6. Discuss a man's (or woman's) commitment to God (Prov. 3:5-8, 16:3 / Matt. 22:37 / Heb. 11:6), to the Word (2 Tim. 2:15, 3:16-17 / 1 Th. 2:13 / Psalm 119:14-16, 33-36 / Prov. 3:1), to the Church (Heb. 10:25 / Ro. 12:1-2 / James 5:16 / 1 Cor. 1:10), and to his family (Prov. 18:22 / Eph. 5:22-33 / 1 Peter 3:7 / Heb. 13:4 / Prov. 5:18, 6:4 / Deut. 6:6-9)

Living on Mission

1. Men: A man of valor is first and foremost a new creation in Christ – a Christian. Have you repented and placed your trust in Christ alone for your salvation? (Ro. 10:9-10) Let God examine your heart and lead you to trust in Him only. If you are a Christian, would God affirm that you are a man of valor?
2. Would those closest to you say that you are tougher than tender or more tender than tough? Consider the verses above (#'s 2 and 3) and meditate on those that match your weakness, asking God to strengthen you and conform you to His image.
3. Men & Women: How can you be more intentional in your spiritual growth? Are there disciplines (i.e. Bible study, prayer, scripture meditation and memorization, etc.) that you need to implement or improve upon? (Don't forget John 15:5)
4. Are you whole-hearted in your commitments to God? To His word? To your family? To your church? Proverbs 3:5-6 cautions us not to place any trust in our own understanding. As you consider the topics on this loop, remember to trust in the Lord for understanding and for the empowerment to obey.

This Week's Reading:

Monday: Prov. 3:25-26; Psalm 91; 2 Cor. 6:1-10

Tuesday: Prov. 3:3; 1 Th. 2:7-12; Titus 3:1-2

Wednesday: Prov. 3:9-12, 27-35; Heb. 12:1-4, 12-15

Thursday: Prov. 3:5-8; 2 Tim. 2:15; Heb. 10:25

Friday: Prov. 3:1, 5-7, 20-26; Deut. 6:5-6

Saturday: Eph. 5:22-33; 1 Peter 1:3-7; Deut. 6:6-9

Additional Resources:

Disciplines of a Godly Man by R. Kent Hughes

Thoughts for Young Men by J. C. Ryle

The Godly Man's Picture by Thomas Watson (Puritan)

The Image & Glory of God by Matt Chandler - <http://theresurgence.com/2011/06/08/one-of-our-favorite-series-on-manhood>

Next Quarterly Members Meeting – Sunday, July 22

Summer Movie Express – CONNECT WITH US – Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout the summer – email daniel@martinsburgchurch.org to get involved.

Boston Mission Trip: Total cost is \$500 - Initial deposit due now – Email dan@martinsburgchurch.org or go to missions.martinsburgchurch.org to register.

Student Community Group: Meeting at Culbertson's Home – throughout the summer - Contact Justin at justin.j.culbertson@gmail.com with any questions.

Interested in Membership? Our next Gospel Class will be offered on Saturday, July 21. Email tammy@martinsburgchurch.org to register.

Baptism Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, July 22. Sign up at baptism.martinsburgchurch.org or call the church office at 304-596-9330 to register.

Discipleship Opportunities:

- Men's Bible Study begins July 21 – meets every other Saturday – Contact Ray Borden at rjimi@msn.com or Dan Edman at dan@martinsburgchurch.org. Workbook needed.
- Women's Bible Study begins June 21 – meets every Thursday at 6:30 pm – Beth Moore's "David: Seeking A Heart Like His" – Contact Tammy Borden at tammy@martinsburgchurch.org - Need to purchase workbook and register for the class by June 14.
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Pastor On Call: If you or your family have an emergency and need to get hold of a pastor from Friday morning through Monday morning please call 304.616.9007 to reach The Church at Martinsburg's Pastor on call.

Missionary Toolbox: *What is Authentic Manhood?*

Rejects Passivity: He's not apathetic or indifferent about life or God and the things of God. Like Jesus, a real man is always the initiator. He's constantly vigilant, fully engaged in life and has both his head and heart in the game. He's not a spectator but a player in the role assigned him by God.

Expects The Greater Reward: A real man is not a short-run guy looking for instant self-gratification or to please and impress others.... He has an eternal perspective and foregoes short-term gain for long-term reward of receiving his destiny in heaven with Christ. When final curtain falls on this world stage, he longs to hear Christ say to him, "Well done my good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:21

Accepts Responsibility: ...He faithfully embraces his responsibilities for the well-being of others, starting with his wife and children and takes seriously the vows he makes to nurture, protect and provide for them. He's a man of duty and honor. He's accountable to [God] for his thoughts, words, deeds and the motivations of his heart.

Leads Courageously: The Bible constantly calls men out and up to be the spiritual leaders of their homes, to love their wives sacrificially and unconditionally, and to spiritually nurture and instruct their children. In carrying out the Great Commission, a real man understands his first responsibility is to disciple his wife and children...to boldly protect them from evil, to provide for their earthly needs and to lead and live with the truth...as servant leaders. (excerpted from *Fireproof Your Marriage, Family and Life* by Dave Brown)