

Discussion Guide and Study Notes

December 22nd, 2013

Please use this guide in your Life Group discussion to help glean the most from our Sunday morning teaching. These notes are also excellent for your personal study and growth.

TILL [Get the soil ready]

- Tada! We're done! It's been a great journey through Storyline. What were your favorite stories? What did you learn? Is there something you've been able to apply to your life?
- In 2 Peter 1, he writes that it is good to be reminded of God's principles for us. What do you need to remind one another?

SOW [What God wants us to hear]

- Before he met Jesus, what life achievements did Paul have (see Philippians 3 if you need help)?
- At that point in his life, would he have considered himself weak or strong?
- How did God intervene in his life (see Acts 9)?



Thorn [Working the truth into our hearts]

- From 2 Cor. 12:7-10, what did Paul gain by his “thorn in the flesh?”

- Do you think that Paul would give up his thorn if he could? Why or why not?

Harvest [Where the fruit is seen]

- Do you have any thorns?
 - Any weaknesses, shortcomings, lack of talent, etc?
 - Any besetting sins that you just can't seem to defeat?
- Will you identify, own, and use them? Are you willing to let God work in spite of your weaknesses?

Preview: Please make every effort to gather on December 29 for our end of the year brunch! You'll hear what's in store for 2014!

