



GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS Spring Quarter - Lesson 2 - Week of April 10, 2022

Lesson: PRAYING GOD'S WORD

Bible Verses: James 5:16; Galatians 5:6; Mark 11:22-25; Psalm 34:8; Hebrews 1:14

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- As a child, what was your favorite game to play?
- As an adult, what is your favorite game to play?

DISCUSSION

In this lesson, we want to focus on how to pray the Word and how to reap a harvest. The steps are familiar to any farmer: picking the seed, planting it, and waiting.

Step 1: Pick the Seed

Your first task is to find the seed for the harvest you need. If you are unsure of what seed to pick, look at wherever you have lack in your life. That is the place to plant the Word. Find a promise in God's Word that says you can have whatever it is you need, and that's the seed you pick. Then, increase your faith. Before planting your seed, you must increase your faith by reading and listening to His Word. Remember, faith comes by hearing His Word.

1. Pick an area in your life where you need a mighty harvest. Find a seed (a promise out of God's Word) and plant it by saying it aloud in faith.
2. Is there anyone in your life that you need to forgive or anything you need to let go of so that your prayer of faith is activated?

God is the rewarder of those who seek Him; He is a good Father; and He is the giver of every good gift. He wants to prosper you and give you hope and a future in Him. Meditate on the Word and believe that you are righteous by the blood of Jesus. You are an heir in His kingdom, positioned to prosper in the blessing of Abraham.

You must know that this promise, this seed you are about to plant, is yours! If necessary, get your heart right: repent. We are made righteous by the blood of Jesus; righteousness is a gift from God to us. Jesus paid the price for our sins with His atoning blood when He hung on the cross.

Aside from being made righteous by the blood, Scripture also calls us to act righteous. In the book of James, the writer talks about being righteous. To be righteous simply means to be in right standing with God by doing life God's way, which is being obedient to His Word and practicing His ways.

When we learn His Word and hide it in our hearts, we become more confident in our status as heirs in the kingdom. A confidence comes forth when we understand the authority that He placed in us. Read Psalm 91:1-2.

For clarity, we are made righteous by the blood of Jesus and are cleansed from our sins. It is then our responsibility to stay clean from sin (as much as we can). We are made righteous by Jesus and then through the sanctification process of becoming more like Him and falling in love with Him. Read James 5:16.

Remember, obedience is birthed out of love, and blessings flow from obedience. Before planting your seed, get your heart right. Confess any sin to God and receive the blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins, so your prayers won't be hindered. The power of a prayer of faith can be increased or decreased depending on our love walk. Read Galatians 5:6.

Step 2: Plant the Seed - Pray It

Speak God's Word aloud through a declaration prayer by faith! Read Mark 11:22-25. We can create or call things into being by speaking God's Word in faith, with our breath, and by the power of the Holy Spirit in us. Pray or speak God's exact promise as though it already happened. Then we must wait faithfully in God's waiting room. Often the hardest part of the process is between planting and harvesting.

Step 3: Wait Well

After planting your seed by faith, there is a waiting time before the harvest. The gestation period of the seed and the quality and size of the harvest are directly affected by how well you wait. The seed or the Word of God is perfect. Read I Peter 1:23. The seed is alive and active; everything needed to bring forth a harvest is inside it.

We are always planting or sowing seeds. The type of seed we sow determines the harvest we receive in return from God.

1. How can you wait well?
2. How can you protect the seed that you have planted?

Don't Uproot Your Confession (seed): Standing and waiting can be challenging. But if we stand in faith on God's Word while the seed grows, we will prosper!

Water Your Seed with Praise and Thanksgiving: On days when you don't see what you are believing for, water your seeds with faith by thanking God for what He is doing. Thank Him for the result as if it is already done! Thank Him and praise Him.

Prayer Focus: Pray that God will unleash legions of angels to stand guard around your seed that you have planted in the spirit (the angels are like scarecrows in the natural).