



GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Fall Quarter - Lesson 9 - Week of November 6, 2022

Lesson: GIVING MORE WEIGHT TO GOD

Bible Verses: Romans 4:19-22; Galatians 1:6-9; Mark 11:22-24; Matthew 6:31

Speak It: I do not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but I am strengthened in faith as I give weight to all God has said.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- What kind of music do you enjoy listening to?
- What is your favorite sport event to attend?

DISCUSSION

Whatever we are believing for, there's almost always a time of waiting before we see it come to pass. This is the time our faith is matured as we stand on the Word. And we must be careful not to consider anything that looks contrary to what He has promised.

We should give more weight, more respect, and more glory to what God has said. The word for glory in Greek is *doxa* and corresponds to the Hebrew word *kabod*, which speaks of the weightiness of the anointing from God and is sometimes felt as a heaviness that rests upon us. When standing on the Word, believing for God's provision, what is one opportunity we have to put weight on the Word of God?

When we give weight to something, in our opinion, we deem it as important and we respect it. This is how we give God glory - we give Him honor, respect and give weight to His Word above everything else, including what we see with our natural eyes.

1. What do you do when you give glory to something?
2. How do you give glory to God?

But when we make light of something, it is of no importance to us. When we want to magnify something, we give it weight and honor. When we want to reduce something, we give it no weight and make light of it. Sometimes our words give weight to what we see rather than what God said.

1. How do you take a thought and give it weight?
2. How do you take God's Word and give it weight?

Sometimes our thinking causes us to try to better ourselves in the strength of our flesh rather than allowing the Holy Spirit to transform us. This is exactly where the devil wants us to live - walking by sight, not by faith, and unable to receive the power of God in our situation.

Jesus tells us in Mark 11:22-24 to have faith in God and whoever speaks and believes without doubting will have whatever he says. We should not be believing for God to perform something new. He has already provided everything we need in Jesus' finished work at the cross. It's all too common in the Church that we profess belief in the Bible, but when our personal experiences don't line up to the promises in the Word, we create a reason why it has not worked.

1. What does walking by faith, not by sight, look like?
2. Our natural tendency is to walk by sight. Is it more difficult to develop the posture of continually walking by faith or to accept the results of walking by sight?

Jesus said in Matthew 6:31, "Take no thought, saying...." This verse gives us a clue as to how we take a thought - we say it. So, we give the Word weight, honor, and glory by speaking the words of God. Conversely, we should reject wrong thoughts the enemy is trying to inject into our thinking and our speech. We give those thoughts no weight, we esteem them lightly, and we take no thought by not saying them. This is how we uproot bad seeds and plant deeply the seeds of faith that we want in our field. Then we patiently believe until the sprouts appear.

Prayer Focus: God, please help me to give weight to your Word and your will for my life.