



GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS Spring Quarter - Lesson 5 - Week of May 1, 2022

Lesson: THE PROPER FOUNDATION

Bible Verses: Psalm 127:1; I Corinthians 3:12-13; I Chronicles 28:9

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- What is your favorite sport?
- What is your dream car?

DISCUSSION

“Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.” – Psalm 127:1

1. Who is the builder of your spiritual house?
2. Have you ever had to rebuild your spiritual house?
3. What happens to a building that has a poor foundation?

Many Christian businesspeople who invest years in their businesses will one day stand before the Lord and realize they were building their houses, not the Lord. God is very picky about motives behind the actions. Before we act, we must ask “why?” Why are we doing what we are doing? Has God called us to this task?

“If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man’s work (I Corinthians 3:12-13).”

Imagine spending years building an expensive home with the finest materials and craftsmanship. It is a work of art, and the project is almost complete. As the day arrives to move in, a building inspector hands you a notice that condemns your beautiful home because it doesn’t meet code. You now realize that you have built your home on a bad foundation and it has to be rebuilt on a proper foundation. Likewise, spiritually, we want to ensure that we have built our lives on a proper foundation - the word of God.

David learned the principle of I Corinthians 3:12-13 by the end of his life. He learned that God always tested him to find out what was in his heart and what his motives were for his actions. David instructed his son to.... *“Acknowledge the God of your father and serve Him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts (I Chronicles 28:9).”*

- Have you ever served in the church on a task with the wrong motive?
- Do you ever ponder why you are doing a spiritual task?

God wants us to seek his face (II Chronicles 7:14). If we seek God's face, we stand a better chance to build our house on the proper foundation. The Hebrew word for face in the Old Testament is often translated *presence*. When we seek the face of God, we are seeking His presence.

Read Psalm 105:4:

1. Are you pursuing God or have you abandoned Him?
2. Are there conditions in your life today that are keeping you from seeking God's face?

When we approach God in prayer, we are seeking His face. The true nature of worship is to seek God's face. Having God's face smile on us is an expression of His blessing, love, and favor (Numbers 6:25 NLT). We must always attempt to find the face of God if we want to build our lives on the proper foundation. Seeking God's face means desiring to know His character and wanting Him as well as His presence more than anything.

Prayer Focus: God, help me to seek your face while I build my spiritual foundation.