



What we Learned

Winter 2005 Community Group

Deut 4:29, Psalm 37:4, Deut 6:4-9; John 15:1-12

Levy Group

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1. The Questions

- a. What do I really want?
- b. How do I change to where I want what God wants?
- c. How do I Die to Live/Deny myself?
- d. What can I do to practice His presence?
- e. What is at the Core of Abundant Life?
- f. What are the challenges I face today going to look like from Eternity?
- g. What can I do to experience God in my life?
- h. How do I (and my children) remain a fruit producer?

2. The Answers God gave us

- a. It doesn't really matter – everything this world has to offer falls short fast. The key is to want what God wants; **a Spiritual Mindset** – Colossians 3:2-3; 1 John 2:15-17; Romans 8:6; John 2:13-17
- b. We must **Die to Live** – Luke 9:22-26; Matthew 16:24-27
- c. **Practicing His Presence** is the key to denying self – Romans 12:1-2; John 8:29; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Ephesians 6:18; Exodus 33:14
- d. The one thing we can “Do” is **Remember God and what He has done** – Luke 22:19; John 14:26; Exodus 13:3; Deuteronomy 8:2, 15:15, 32:7; Joshua 1:13; Judges 8:34; Neh 9:17, etc. – There is remembering God on a daily minute by minute basis (the mezuzah's of our life) and there is remembering the big things He has done (the pile of stones at the river)
- e. At the core of this is **Delight in God** – joy in the Lord – Psalm 37:4; Romans 14:7; Hebrews 12:1-2; Matthew 13:44; Luke 2:10; John 15:11, 16:24; Psalm 40:16, 96:11, 118:24,
- f. The obstacles that are keeping us from experiencing God's Joy will seem very **small and insignificant** to us in eternity, like the thing that was big in our childhood looks to us when we return to it as an adult.
- g. **To experience God we go to where he is working** – Psalm 27:4; John 17:3, 3:3, 1:12, 1:14-18; Exodus story; John 4:31-38; 5:19, 8:31-32, 14:6, **15:1-12**
- h. **Seeking God** should be the motivation behind all of our Christian activity; if we are doing something for any other reason, we run the risk of losing sight of Him and the activity itself becomes the end – Psalm 27:8; Deuteronomy 4:29; 1 Chronicles 28:9, Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalm 42:1-4, 63:1