Series: Great Expectations Message: One Thing at a Time

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Food for Thought
For the week of Oct 28, 2012

(Questions and Scriptures for Life group study)

Review the questions below before your group meets.

What one thing do you desire from God?

Expectation: To look forward; to anticipate or look forward to the coming or occurrence of: to consider probable or certain

Psalm 27:4

What one thing do you <u>lack</u>?

Mark 10:21-22

What one thing do you need to <u>let go</u>?

Philippians 3:13-14

What one promise do you need to <u>claim</u>?

Psalm 56:9-13

GOD PROMISES

To meet every need you have from his riches. (Phil 4:19)

You won't be tempted beyond what you can handle. (1 Cor 10:13)

To forgive all your sins. (Eph. 1:7; 1 John 1:9)

To make everything work for your good. (Rom 8:28)

He'd never leave you or forsake you. (Heb 13:5)

To be your ever present help in trouble. (Ps. 46:1)

To give strength to the weary and power to the weak. (Isa 40:29)

To guide you and give you direction. (Ps. 32:8)

To give you a peace that goes beyond your understanding. (Phil 4:7)

To give you power to defeat Satan (James 4:7)

Nothing would separate you from God's love. (Rom. 8:39)

You are more than conquerors. (Rom. 8:37)

Eternal life through Christ (John 10:27-28)

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Psalm 27:4.

In this verse David asks God for the one thing He desired most.

What one thing do you desire from God? Discuss the struggles you've had in the past with taking steps toward this one thing.

What's the difference between desiring something from God and just desiring God?

How do we shift our focus toward seeking God like this verse expresses?

Read Mark 10:21-22.

In this verse, Jesus tells a man what one thing he lacks.

What one thing do you lack to move forward with God?

Jesus named the one thing for the man in the verse and he still didn't do it. How will you go about obtaining that one thing?

Read Philippians 3:13-14.

Paul tells us in this verse to let go of the past to focus on our future with God.

What one thing do you need to let go?

Share something from your past that seems to be holding you back. How are you going to let it go?

Read Psalm 56:9-13.

David stands on this one promise to get rid of the fears he faced. What's one promise you need to claim?

Review the list of promises from the message. What's the one that you need to stand on to move forward with your walk with God?

THE ONE THING

God knows who you are, He loves you, and He wants you to know and love Him.

How do you do that?

You must first admit that, like everyone else, you are a sinner. Being sinners means that we are imperfect and do wrong; we fall short of God's perfect standard. It also means we are separated from Him and deserve His judgment.

But He loves us! God sent His own Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins. He died for your sins. He was punished so you don't have to be. Not only that; death did not defeat Him. After three days, Jesus rose from the dead, alive again!

Trusting in Jesus' sacrifice for you is the only way to find forgiveness from God and to begin a relationship with Him. We urge you to take this step of faith today. To do that, simply talk to God – this is called praying – and tell Him you believe in His Son.

We suggest a prayer like this:

"Lord Jesus, I am sorry for the things I have done wrong in my life. I ask your forgiveness and now turn from everything that I know is wrong. Thank you for dying on the cross for me, to set me free from my sins. Please come into my life and fill me with your Holy Spirit and be with me forever. I believe you will! Thank you Lord Jesus, Amen.

Share your decision with someone, share it with us at Real Life, we want to celebrate with you. info@seekreallife.com