



Session 4

BIG IDEA

We must develop the holy habit of dealing with our own sins. To do that we must implement structures to help us win through the power of the Holy Spirit.

GROUP OPENER

When we have sinned we often default dealing with the immediate consequences and issues that the sin has created. How does this keep us from dealing with the long-term issues of sin?

GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read this longer passage 1 Corinthians 9:24-27. Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience? How should it affect the way I live?

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WEEKEND

As a Group

Discussion:

When we see repeated sin in our lives we have an opportunity to ask questions in three areas.

Head – What is going on in my mind when I face this issue?

Heart – What is going on in my heart that causes this issue?

Hands we can look at what we are practically doing in our lives to help us live the life that God has called us to.

Question:

How does the head, heart, and hands model help you rethink navigating sin in our lives?

We don't serve God to gain his acceptance, we are accepted. It is not what we do that determines who we are, it is who we are that determines what we do.

Discuss this quote:

"The pursuit of God is not a part-time, weekend exercise. If it is, chances are you will experience part-time, weekend freedom. Abiding requires a kind of staying power. The pursuit is relentless. It hungers and thirsts....The pursuit of God is a pursuit of passion. Indifference will not do. To abide in the Word is to hang on tenaciously. A weak grip will soon slip away. Discipleship requires staying power. We sign up for the duration. We do not graduate until heaven." – The Late, Dr. R.C. Sproul, Pastor and Theologian

Spend some time exploring this question:

What is God's role in our struggles with sin?

ACTION STEPS

I will statement...

- Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. Put it in the form, "I Will _____". Make it concrete, simple, and achievable.

Share your "I Will" statement with the group.

