

WEEKLY *LIFE groups* OUTLINE

The Pioneers Path

Breaking Down the Barriers - God's way

February 18, 2018

Ice Breaker:

Last week we talked about overcoming our obstacles and we encouraged you look at the "giants" in your life from God's perspective, and not with your own natural eyes. How did you do this week? Have a several people share a quick story.

Get in the the Word

We can easily get comfortable "thinking" we know the solutions to our problems or answers to other people's problems. As the disciples learned, leaning on past experiences alone does not always work.

Read *Mark 9:29*. Why do you think the disciples assumed they knew how to cast out the demon and struggled to cast it out? What was Jesus' solution to the problem?

Read *Joshua 6:1-17*. What was necessary for them to win their battle and to tear down the fortified city of Jericho. Would this have been your solution? If you heard this plan from your leader, how would you respond?

The Big Idea

God wants to give us the keys and the strategies to overcome obstacles and problems in our lives or in the lives of people around us. But they may not be what we expect or they might not make sense in our own minds. How do we still move forward in faith even when it does not make logical sense? In looking at the Jericho account we read about God's plan to overcome. Find where these statements are true from the Joshua 6 narrative.

1. Listen to what God is telling you. (an encounter with God, and being true to the Word of God)
2. Take action to what God is telling you. (Start walking)
3. Listen to Godly people. (the priests)
4. Let the Bible inform you and go before you (the ark)
5. Start declaring your victory before it has happened (trumpets)
6. Let God do the impossible (The seventh day, the seven trumpets)

Live it Out

How can you apply some of these steps in allowing God to speak to you and walking out in faith, what he has instructed you? Share with the group what step you need to follow this week.

1) Get a "Word" from the Lord 2) take steps to follow through 3) proclaiming your victory out loud before you see it, 4) have Godly people speak the truth into your life 5) Get into the Bible to remind you of his Promises 6) Let God perform the Miracle (ie. stop trying to make it happen).

Pray

- Break out into groups of 3-4 if your group is large, Pray that God would reveal his unique plan to each person's challenges. Pray that they would have the faith to respond to what God is saying. Remember if you have a prophetic word, or a word of knowledge for someone, share it and ask that it be confirmed or if it bears witness in their spirit (ie. builds their faith).

Leader Tip: Remember we don't tell people what to do - or if you feel that God is saying something that would possibly do someone harm (ie. God says to throw away your medication), I would caution statements like this - instead say, as God brings healing to your life, check with your doctor if you still need to be on this medication etc.

Announcements:

1. Have you been coming to GCC for a while and you are not a member. **Join us for a membership dinner Feb. 25 at 5pm.** Go to www.gccnh.com/nextsteps to sign up.
2. Winter Lifegroup session ends on the week of March 11.
3. **We need more groups**, make sure you are training leaders, so you make more room for people. (Leader Tip: ask someone else to lead your group next week)
4. Spring LifeGroup Launch, April 8th.

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