

Westwood Life Groups - A Place to Belong & A Place to Grow

Life Group Leaders & Meeting Times (groups with a * meet at the Westwood building):

***11:45** - David Britton

***1:00**-Bob Deason

1:30 - Terry Boyd & Tim Deason

6:00-Byron Chambers, Tim Jennings **6:00** - *Jimmy Priestley, John Hanson, Ken Beck,
Rudie Thomsen, *Mike Garrison, Brad Hillis, *Kelly Hillis

(PLEASE, CALL IN ATTENDANCE TO CHURCH OFFICE)

Beliefs that Matter, #12 Adversity

I. Paul's _____

- 2 Corinthians 4:8-9; 16-17
- 2 Corinthians 4:1
- Matthew 5:10-11

II. Paul's _____

- 2 Corinthians 11:25-29
- "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy" (Dr. MLK, Jr.).
- ***"It is shallow thinking and flawed faith that would measure the degree of God's love by the comfort of our earthly situation."***

III. Why God Allows _____

- 1 Corinthians 10:13
- Romans 8:28
- Hebrews 12:4-11
- Suffering can teach us how much we need God and enable us to feel his strength in our weakness. It can teach us compassion toward others and enable us to comfort others when their time of testing shows up.
- God is educating us; that's why we must never drop out. He's treating us as dear children. This trouble we're in isn't punishment; it's training, the normal experience of children.
- And one day looking back from heaven with him, you'll be glad you grasped and held onto your Father's strong hand.
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Close...

- 2 Corinthians 12:10
- Romans 8:18

Sunday Morning
Westwood Church of Christ
October 22, 2017

Life Group Questions
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1. Matthew 5:10-11 shows us that Jesus is brutally honest when calling people to discipleship. Have we paid as much attention to this as we should?

2. Have we ever stopped to consider that as Christians we are participating with God to do something holy within a world of people who rebel against Him? How could we expect anything less than adversity??

3. Consider and comment on these three quotes from the lesson this morning:
 - *“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy”* (Dr. MLK, Jr.)

 - *“God had one Son on earth without sin, but He has never had one without suffering”* (Augustine).

 - *“It is shallow thinking and flawed faith that would measure the degree of God’s love by the comfort of our earthly situation.”*

4. How does suffering help us overcome sins like pride, selfishness and self-centeredness?

5. Read and discuss Hebrews 12:4-11. Consider together how God is training us and the trouble we find ourselves dealing with in our walk with God is not punishment, but training – the very normal experience of children of God.

6. Read Romans 8:18. How does this passage help us in this study and in dealing with of adversity?