

LG Questions

Winter 24 Wk 3

Big Idea: *God chases us first, but once we are caught, we must start chasing God. From here...it becomes a mutual chase.*



Read Genesis 32:24-26

²⁴ This left Jacob all alone in the camp, and a man came and wrestled with him until the dawn began to break. ²⁵ When the man saw that he would not win the match, he touched Jacob's hip and wrenched it out of its socket. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking!" But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

- 1. When Jacob wrestled with God, God could have crushed Jacob but instead He changed him. When God wrestles with you, he's not out to crush you. He wants to change you. How this truth keep you from shaming yourself and procrastinating with God directed self improvement?**

Read I John 1:10

If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and the truth is not in us.

- 2. We hinder our chase of God when we ignore sin. Sin could be doing something that God tells us not to do...OR sin could be NOT doing what God has told us to do. What habits/practices do you use to help you to be honest with God about your sin? How do these practices/habits protect you from self deception?**

Read John 15:14

You are my friends if you do what I command

- 3. We often feel God is calling us to "great things" (and that may happen a few times in life) but small opportunities surround us each day: telling the truth, being kind, showing generosity, encouraging others...all these "small" things cause God to smile on our life. Why is faithful obedience to God in "the little things" a more sincere chasing of God than participation in the "great things" that God may call us to on occasion? Explain.**

Read Psalm 69:9

"Passion for your house has consumed me, and the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me."

- 4. To be close to the heart of God, we must learn to love what God loves and hate what God hates. Make a running list of the things that God loves. Spend a**

moment praying that God would increase your love for those things and decrease your love of the world.

Read Philippians 3:10

– My determined purpose is that I may know him—that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly.

- 5. *The truth is...we chase God as much or as little as we want to in life. It is our choice! Many people want the smile and the favor of God on their life, but they do not want to put in the hard work of chasing after God. What hard work and spiritual disciplines are needed to know God more deeply and to bring Him into every circumstance in life?***

Prayer: God's word tells us to seek God 244 times (KJV). Spend some time together asking for more of God...

...in your life

...in the lives of others

...at GBC

...in the Akron/Canton area

...on the earth.