

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS WEEK OF JULY 3 2016

TEXT: JOHN 9:1-41

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ENCOUNTERING FREEDOM

Take a little time to review this week's sermon. Using your sermon notes and your Bible, answer the following questions before the group meeting. Write out your answers so you'll feel more comfortable sharing them with the group. Have a great time!

I. Getting to Know You

How did you experience God working in your life this week? How can we pray for you?

II. Digging Deeper

1. Discuss the Bible's teachings on suffering (Genesis 3:16-19; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Psalm 73; John 9:1-3). Feel free to use other portions of Scripture to support your thoughts. How should these truths impact our reaction to ours or others' suffering?

2. How would you define the "fear of man"? Why do you think we are so easily impacted by this fear? How can we fight it?

3. How can our experiences with God give us confidence in the face of challenging questions (John 9:30-34)? How important is it to balance our understanding of our experiences with biblical truth?

4. Discuss the concept that our knowledge can condemn us (John 9:40-41). Should we strive to be/remain ignorant in order to be "safe"?

III. Making it Personal

5. List 2 or 3 specific ways the fear of man impacts you in your day to day life. List 2 or 3 steps you can take to combat one of these specific areas.

6. What is your general attitude towards suffering? How has/will this week's study impact your attitudes?

IV. Prayer