

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS WEEK OF OCT 12, 2014

REAL BFF – Romans 5:6-11; 8:35-39

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**

Have you ever faced any specific struggles because of your Christian faith?

II. **Digging Deeper**

1. List 3 common misunderstandings Christians have of Christianity that can cause problems (*eg* the "prosperity gospel.") Provide Bible portions or principles that would combat those ideas.

2. According to Matthew 16:23, what is the root cause of Christians following the misunderstandings mentioned above?

3. What can we learn about how to respond to persecution from Acts 4:23-31?

III. **Making it Personal**

4. What are some of the forms of ridicule of the church that take today? How can we effectively deal with them?

5. If the church was “born for battle” how should we respond to the challenges facing the church today?

6. List one or two ways Mountain Stream can better prepare its constituency to “do battle.”

IV. **Prayer**