

Growth Group Homework

January 28th, 2015

Sermon Series: Restoration

Sermon Title: "Broken ME"

Sermon Texts: Matthew 19:16-30

Preacher: Rod Bender

Take a few minutes to review the sermon outline from Sunday. Then answer the following questions, looking up Scripture verses where noted. Feel free to refer to other verses you may know that address the issue being considered.

Getting to Know You

Have you ever been in a setting that you would describe as true revival among a group of God's people? Describe briefly what it was like.

Digging Deeper

1. Humility is God's antidote for nearly every condition that ails human hearts and relationships. What Scriptures come to mind that support this point? Why do you think this is the case?
2. Psalm 46 is a great reminder that our God is always a "*very present help in trouble*." Reflect on these verses and share with the group any portion of this passage that truly ministers to you.
3. What symptoms do you see in our culture that show we seek independence from God? In our churches? In our personal lives?

4. When does a natural or even healthy desire become idolatry? What Scriptures support your point?
5. Why does legalism always leave us empty? How do we push against legalism? Can we push too far?

Making it Personal

6. Why do you think we can listen to sermons and participate in worship but not experience change in our lives often times?
7. Do you tend to fight against the struggles or seek God's purpose in them?
8. Is your relationship with God characterized as broken and in need of restoration, or characterized as mended and improving? What action steps must you take in order to develop a healthy relationship with God? How might God use you to help others restore and improve their relationship with God?

Prayer