

Small Group/Sermon Notes based on Tasked 4

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- Make sure everyone knows each other's names. Have everyone share a little about themselves and how life is going right now.
- Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to follow Christ!
- This week: The Great Commission. **Matthew 28:18-20**
 - Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations.
- Mind renewal.
 - There is a great need for mind renewal. **Romans 12:2.**
 - Here is where "your" turns plural. That is hard for the western mind.
 - Group job: All y'all's mission...
 - Who is the "all y'all" we are talking about? Who is the group?
 - Pattern of this world: Competitive business...maybe sports fan...
 - This pits churches and ministries against each other.
 - This is also where it isn't about "my" needs any more. Not easy.
 - Jesus deals with two areas where mind renewal is needed in **Luke 9:46-50.**
 - First is just normal everyday foolish pride. "Who is the greatest"?!?!
 - Most get the idea of personal false humility.
 - But foolish pride is rampant when it comes to subgroups. Have you seen that sort of thing?
 - Don't forget about false prophets, but most are imperfect servants.
 - Second is competitive territorialism. Like the Pharisees...but with John.
 - Who was this guy driving out demons? Wouldn't the 12 know everyone?
 - Jesus put him in the "us" category.
 - John would have preferred that people stay demon possessed rather than let someone else help them. (apply to today)
 - If John could fall into that, how about us today?
- One key to renewing the mind is renewing the heart first. **Matthew 10:35-38** shows the heart of Jesus.
 - Jesus' heart is compassion for others. What should our attitude be?
 - What is this "plentiful harvest" that Jesus is talking about?
 - What would the world be like if everyone on the planet was a functioning follower of Jesus? What would happen to: poverty, hunger, human trafficking, war, bad marriages, broken families, loneliness, purposelessness, etc?
 - Shall we trade fighting for the Cause of Christ for competitive territorialism that hinders the Cause of Christ?
 - When you feel the need for the harvest and you begin to pray for workers to be sent...when God answers the prayer REJOICE! Don't fret!
 - The harvest is plentiful today, right here. But the workers are few. Jamaica too. Albania. DRC.
 - Before he got saved Paul was a great Pharisee. Then things changed.
 - Describe Paul's heart in **Romans 9:1-3.**
 - Who are your people? Let's pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send workers to them.
- Pray for each other before you finish up!