

The Journey We Travel: Rely on God.

This week's reading: Acts 1:8; Proverbs 3:5-6; John 15:26-16:15; 2 Timothy 1:7;
Ephesians 6:12

Discussion Guide: September 1, 2024

CHECK UP:

Memory Work: Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.
- Luke 11:28

In what way did you listen to God's voice through the reading of His word this past week?

OPEN:

- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?

READ and ASK: Acts 1:8; Proverbs 3:5-6; John 15:26-16:15; 2 Timothy 1:7;
Ephesians 6:10-20, Matthew 6:16-18

- What do these passages teach us about relying on God?
- Which passage speaks to you most right now? Why?
- Why is relying on the Holy Spirit essential for being and making better followers of Jesus?
 - o Why do you think we often don't rely on God to fulfill His purposes in our lives?

"One of the main reasons so many of God's children don't have a significant prayer life is not so much that we don't want to, but that we don't plan to." - John Piper

- Why is developing a plan for prayer in the life of a believer such an important step in building one's prayer life?

"[Satan] fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray."

-Samuel Chadwick

APPLY:

- The key ways to rely on God is to practice disciplined prayer and fasting.
 - o Why are these practices crucial to relying on God?
 - o How have you practiced disciplined prayer and fasting.
 - o How have you struggled in being disciplined in prayer and fasting?

- How have you been tempted to rely on your own strength in your Christian life rather than relying on God?

- How can this group encourage you more in relying on God?
 - o How might this group be able to pray and fast together?

- Next step: Through what disciplines do you need to start relying on God this week?

Memory Work:

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. - Ephesians 6:10

Next Week's Reading:

Heb 10:23-25; Col 3:15-17; Acts 2:42-47