Life Group Questions For the week of May 22, 2016 Series: The 60's

QUICK REVIEW: Psalm 37:1-8 Looking back at your notes from Sunday's teaching or in your reading of the Bible text did you have any questions or comments concerning what you read or were taught?

MY STORY: The teaching was on God giving us the desires of our heart. Can you think of a time when you had a desire and prayed to God for it to happen and it didn't? And how did that affect your faith in God?

1.Psalm 37:4 Teaches us that those who receive the desires of their heart must "Delight" in the Lord. The word Delight means to be "pliable." In your journey with Jesus how pliable in the Lord would you say you are? Take some time to think about a situation in your life that backs up your answer.

2. The Bible has many verses pertaining to our pliability. Read each of the following verses and give a very brief description of what each verse is telling you.

Jeremiah 18:1-4:

Romans 9:20-21:

*How do these verses challenge the way you are currently living out your relationship with Jesus? Please explain.

GOING DEEPER:

1. This is your double jeopardy bonus question. You do not have to partake of this question but I hope you do. In Luke 15, my favorite story, the Prodigal son has desires and he went out looking to fulfill them. But he loses everything and finds himself hungry and homeless. He repents and comes home willing to do whatever dad wanted him to. His father gives him cool clothes, jewelry, new shoes and a big dinner. Dad gave him everything he went out looking for. Here is the question: Compare Luke 15:12 and Luke 15:19. In these verse you find the reason why he got the desires of his heart, can you see it? Please explain.

- 2. Read John 15:7-8 On Sunday Pastor Jim pointed out that we love when God says, "ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you." That's God's Promise to us. But we don't pay attention to the Particulars of these verses. Such as, Jesus says to "abide in Him and for His words to abide in us AND to glorify God AND bear much fruit." Jesus is giving us the secret to receiving the desires of our hearts. What is He communicating to us?
- 3. PERSONAL: Jesus says to "abide in Him." It means to hang in there and not quit. He's telling us not to put time limits on receiving the desires of your heart. Thinking back in your faith, is there anything you gave up on or quit praying for? What was it?
- 4. PERSONAL: Jesus says to "abide in Him." We could say it like this, Jesus says to "Pay attention to Him." How do you personally and intentionally pay attention to Jesus?

TAKING IT HOME: What is something from Sunday's teaching or tonight discussion that you need to put into practice in your life?

PRAYER REQUESTS: