

Life Group Questions
For the week of May 29, 2016
Series: The 60's

REVIEW: To allow the text to penetrate a bit deeper into our soul I would invite you to read Mark 8:22-26 about four times. This was our section of scripture from Sunday. Was there anything from Sunday or from your reading of the text that jumps out at you or you would like to comment on?

MY STORY: Have you ever come to a place in your life where you realized that some of the baggage you carry from the past, such as anger, bitterness, taking things personal, blaming others, un-forgiveness, pouting, etc. has been an enormous waste of your time and life? Explain and share what you specifically did to change that.

1. Reading Ephesians 4:27. Pastor Jim opened up Sunday's teaching by saying that the word "Opportunity" literally means "a place." This teaches us that if we open up our lives to Satan in any way he will take a place in our lives like a leech, what the Bible calls a stronghold. In your opinion, why do you think this verse is so important? You may only be able to answer this by thinking back in your life to see where and how habits in your life began.

2. In Mark 8:24 Jesus' first shot at healing the man's blindness results in the man seeing people as trees. He doesn't see them as humans. Since you became a follower of Jesus has your view of people or certain people changed? If so, how?

*What does Luke 9:51-56 teach us about how a follower of Christ is to view people?

GOING DEEPER

1. From the story of the blind man Pastor Jim drew an application where a person can be a Christian but not growing. What do you think about the statement, "Can a person be a Christian but not a disciple of Christ?"

2. Pastor Jim described un-forgiveness, blame, hate, anger, personalizing, living in crisis, grudges, critical spirit, and talking about others as Leeches that drain the life out of life. Write out one or two results from each of the following and then dialogue its effect on any relationship.

*Un-controlled outbursts of Anger:

*Blame:

*Holding grudges:

*Living in a constant state of crisis:

*Taking things personal:

*Hate:

*Bad attitude:

3. What is the key? The man in the story goes from blind, to kind of seeing, to seeing clearly. Sunday Pastor Jim drew the conclusion that a person can be made better but not whole. In the story what is the key to being made whole? To letting go of all the leeches of the past that drain the life out of our life? The key is in the story.

TAKING IT HOME: What is the one thing from Sunday or the Life Group discussion that you know you need to put into practice in your life?

PRAYER REQUESTS: