



Harvest Small Groups

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Discussion Questions

Matthew 16:21—7:13 & Romans 12:9-13

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2. Peter found himself saying wrong things to Jesus in Matthew 16:22. What we learn is that God’s plan is often times different than what we think the plan should be. Read Proverbs 14:12 & Psalm 92:5-6. How have you seen this principle to be true in your life? How has it been such a blessing to see God’s plan work out to perfection in your life?
3. Is it possible that one of the reasons you sometimes say or do something that we shouldn’t is because your caught off guard by what God allows into your life or desires from you? This past week we studied Matthew 16: 24-27, read that passage in your group. Why does this passage catch us off-guard? Why is this hard? What does this mean for us in everyday life? In the context of this passage why, at times, do we do or say wrong things?
4. When God brings some “verse 21” kinds of things into your life this week how do we get to see if our commitment to the Lordship of Christ is real when His plan is different than yours? Read Deuteronomy 8:2, how do “verse 21” types of things reveal our heart?



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6. Expanding on the previous questions, what does it look like to walk in community where there is no "acting" or hypocritical actions?
7. Think of a man or woman that you highly respect, whom you feel portrays a godly lifestyle.... what are some of the characteristics of their actions and/or mindsets that you believe allows them to live this type of life? (i.e., how do they convey genuine love?)
8. Verse 12 states" Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer". Hope is the idea of ' looking forward to something better' because things now are not as they are meant to be. How does our ability to be in prayer "constantly" allow use to maneuver through our tribulations? And how does this allow us to "rejoice in hope"?
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