

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Living with Conviction

Nehemiah 1:1-11; 2:1-8; 4:1-3, 7-9, 15; 6:15

Additional passages: On conviction – 1 Timothy 1:3-4, 4:1-8; 2 Timothy 2:15, 4:1-5;
On Jesus/the Spirit with us – Matthew 28:19-20, John 16:33, Acts 1:8.

Introduction: Pastor Perry walked through four key characteristics of a life that displays conviction:
1) Preceded by perspective, 2) Produced by prayer, 3) Pre-decides a plan, 4) Prevails when persecuted

Questions:

1. What are some core convictions that you hold?
2. How is it going with living according to these convictions? Is there a situation in your life where you feel pressed to compromise on a core conviction?

Perry talked about the importance of pre-deciding your convictions, so you hold to them when you are under pressure. We can apply this principle to the area of priorities as well. Our Field Guide talks on pages 26-27 about Kingdom Priorities based on Matthew 6:33, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you."

3. What is your current plan for regularly engaging in the following biblical priorities?
 - Sharing the gospel with others.
 - Regular personal time in the Word/prayer.
 - Use of time, talent, and treasure to serve God as a part of Redeemer Church.

From the Field Guide:

- Do my priorities and routines help or hurt my service to God?
- Does recreation play an oversized role in my life?