

October 1, 2017
Sermon Notes

Growth Group Discussion

Fall

Week 3

We use these times to grow spiritually and to deepen our relationships.

Getting to Know You

Have you ever recovered from a “regression” (taking steps backward) in some aspect of your life? What did that look like and how did it feel?

Better.—Part I

Reflection and Discussion

1. What stood out to you most from Sunday’s message?

2. On Sunday, it was mentioned how hard it is for most of us to stay focused on one thing, no matter how good it is. Why can that type of sustained focus be so difficult? Is there anything that helps you do so?

3. If you could turn over one aspect of your life or situation to God for Him to control completely, but you still had to live with and navigate the consequences, which area would you be the most eager to do so?

Is there any area of your life where turning it over to God would be scariest? Why?

4. On Sunday, we talked about how Jesus is the “heir of all things”. Read Luke 12:13-21. What concern do you think Jesus is trying to raise in his listeners (including us)? Sticking with the theme of “Better”, what outcome do you think he was aiming for in our lives that would make our fate “better” than the character in the parable?

5. Challenge: Read (at least) Hebrews chapters 1-2 this week. Think, meditate, and pray about what you read. Take time to focus on Jesus and the ways he is “better” than competing priorities in your life. Ask Him to help you maintain focus on Him.

Family Reminders

HOEDOWN!

What is a hoedown you ask? So glad you did!

synonyms: party, shindig, hootenanny, bash, jamboree, dance, barn dance, baile, fête, celebration. Coming next weekend. Open to all! Details TBD today and in electronic newsletter:)

See you at the hootenanny!

Camping Trip

Campsite reservations for our annual Camping Trip to Stephen Foster campground in Georgia the weekend of **November 10-12** (Friday and Saturday nights) have begun at the Welcome Center on Sundays. You can pay with cash, credit card, or check. Any additional nights you wish to stay can be made directly with the campground (Stephen C. Foster State Park at 1- 800-864-7275)

Teen Retreat

We'll be hosting a teen retreat serving teens throughout Florida the weekend of **October 27th to 29th**. Sign up at the Welcome Center to help with housing and/or to volunteer!

Special Offering

You can turn in a talent goal card (for the first time or additional goals) and/or give to our special offering this year **AT ANY TIME** during the year, using red envelopes in the pews. There is no special giving date or cutoff date (other than New Year's Eve:)