

LIFE GROUP GUIDELINE TERM 2 WEEK 6

15 June 2017

The Perfect Pattern of Serving

‘For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.’

Romans 12:3 (NIV)

Icebreaker

What is the most important event/contest that you wanted to win? Did you win? What was the experience like? Would you want to share the joy of winning with others if you could?

Introduction

Scripture continually affirms that we are made in God’s image; we are made to reflect His glory. Sin removed us from God’s ideal and we often pursue self-glorification. Christ’s work on the cross allows us to come back into God’s Kingdom and contribute to His Kingdom pattern: bringing Glory to the Father in all that we do. Serving, through humility, allows us all to be winners in God’s Kingdom.

Discussion

- Read Romans 12:1–8. Does anything stand out, or challenge you from Sunday’s message and this portion of scripture?
- Romans 12:1 – What does it mean to be a living sacrifice? How can we become living sacrifices in our everyday spaces?
- Romans 12:2 – In the pattern of this world, who is on the seat of authority? How is authority ‘earned’ or given in the pattern of the world? How is this different from what Jesus did? (Read Philippians 2:1–11).
- Romans 12:3 – Adopting a Kingdom pattern requires a new way of thinking, which sees our desires being surrendered to the Kingdom pattern; a desire to glorify the Father. Name one area where you can trust for a transformation of your thought processes.
- Romans 12: 4–8 – Which gift (not limited to this list), has God blessed you with? How can you use this gift to make sure that the Kingdom wins?

Prayer

- We have all, at some time, strayed from the Kingdom pattern. Ask God for His grace and loving kindness, which draws us back to Him and His pattern for us.

- Ask the Spirit to show you an area of your life/thought process that God would like to transform according to His pattern.
- Ask God to show you practical ways in which you can use your gift(s) for his glory

Remember

#WorshipStation is a great social media initiative to help us see how others are following this Kingdom pattern in their everyday spaces. Have fun and share your pictures on any of our social media pages!