



SMALL GROUPS

Dwelling on who God is...(vv.8-9)

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

What would change in you if you truly dwelled on these? Do you know how to do that? Where do you see these in Scripture?

On Our Own | vs. | Who He is

Lies | vs. | Truth

What narratives do you tell yourself on a regular basis? Are they true? What does God’s Word itself say about these things?

Shame | vs. | Honorable

What “honor-seeking” things do you pursue? Is that something God honors too?

Injustice | vs. | Just

Defilement | vs. | Pure

How do you preserve yourself at home, work? At school? What needs to change?

Deformed | vs. | Lovely

Reprehensible | vs. | Commendable

Offensive | vs. | Excellent...Worthy of Praise

What is your impact on others – do you create in them a desire to “extend loving affection”? How could you create that?

Bottomline: Dwell on, think on, and become as God is.

9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Consider dividing into pairs or a few to work through the application questions.

How can you help each other honestly assess where action is needed to apply what we’ve learned? How can you intentionally keep each other accountable in these areas?

1. Have you received what you’ve learned and heard?
2. Who are you currently around and what are they feeding in you?
3. Which of these 8 of who God is do you most need to dwell on?
4. Who are you currently around and what are you feeding them?

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN READING SCRIPTURE

1. Is there a command to obey?
2. Is there a sin to avoid?
3. Is there a promise to believe?
4. Is there an example I need to follow?
5. What new truth about God have I seen?
6. What’s repeated?

So...

What do I need to surrender?

What do I need to step into?

What do I need to steward?

What do I need to share? (either for my own accountability or to expand the Kingdom into others’ lives)?