

COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

Sunday, January 3rd

Why Community Groups?

Grace Bible Church understands that the corporate gathering on Sunday can be a difficult time to develop relationships characterized by biblical fellowship, discipleship, and spiritual growth. Thus, everyone is encouraged to be involved with smaller segments of the church body: Community Groups. These groups are designed to be a relational network focused on applying scriptural truths to one another's lives.

Community Groups are intended to encourage authentic and honest conversation about the struggles and triumphs being experienced by individual members. These relationships and conversations facilitate the practice of the many scriptural "one anothers," allowing each person in the group to have opportunities to encourage, exhort, teach, help, bear with, pray for, rebuke, and love one another through all the shared life experiences as we encourage one another to grow in Christlikeness.

"But I have children?"

We believe that Children are a gift from the Lord. We also believe that fellowship and discipleship are worth pursuing. We are committed to helping groups/families find creative ways to provide childcare. Let us know how we can help.

How long is the commitment?

The Winter Session will run for 10 weeks & begins Monday, Jan. 11th.

When and Where?

Community Groups meet once a week on weekday nights usually starting at 6:30 or 7:00 pm. During the Winter Session will have over 20 groups that meet in various locations throughout the Gallatin Valley.

How to sign up?

Please fill out a pink-ish orange (a.k.a. salmon) "Community Group Sign-Up" form found in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office or email us at communitygroups@gbcmt.org. We will contact you to find a group at a location and time that best suits your schedule.

THIS IS YOUR LIFE

A Challenge for the New Year and Beyond

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"This is Your Life."** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Why was Israel's first attempt to enter the Promised Land halted?
2. "Deuteronomy" basically means what?
3. The Israelites didn't really need this reminder, for they should have been painfully aware of the fact that their parents had been judged for failing to do what?
4. God's word is what?
5. When you ignore or refuse God's counsel then you forfeit what?
6. What is one way many single Christian men and women have ignored God's counsel and have paid tremendously for it?
7. What are some other areas where people ignore God's counsel and then pay a tremendous price for it?

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8. Does God really want to bless His people and see His people doing well in life?
9. Why would God put into His word, the law of Deuteronomy 22:6-7?
10. Do you believe that delighting in and meditating in the Word of God will cause you to be fruitful in life?
11. According to Psalm 19:10-11, keeping the Word of God results in what?
12. From Genesis 3, we see first of all that Satan does what as his first step in His pattern of temptation?
13. After Satan plants doubts about the accuracy and sufficiency of God's word, he then does what?
14. Do you believe that the Bible is accurate and sufficient?
15. Do you read, study, learn, and memorize the Bible?
16. What was a "romfaia" or broadsword?
17. Describe the "macaira" sword?
18. To be effective the word of God must be used in what way?
19. The Greek word used in Ephesians 6:17 for "word" is "rhema" which refers to what?
20. The sword of the Spirit is not what?
21. The sword of the Spirit refers to specific what?
22. It is not general knowledge of the Bible that defeats whom?
23. What does Satan do in Matthew 4:1-3?
24. What Greek word does Jesus use in Matthew 4:4 which we translate, "word"?
25. What does Satan do with Scripture in Matthew 4:5-6?
26. Jesus was successful in spiritual warfare because he knew how to what?
27. Your knowledge of God is key to what?
28. Right living begins with what?
29. What you really believe about God fleshes out in the way you what?
30. So many of the problems people have in their lives stem from a what?
31. Fill in the blanks:
 - a. If you view God as unloving then you will suffer from _____
 - b. If you view God as unforgiving then you will suffer overwhelming _____
 - c. If you view God as weak or out of touch with life then you will suffer from _____
 - d. If you view God as lenient then you will suffer the consequences of _____
 - e. If you view God as unrighteous then you will suffer from _____ and _____
32. Smart people glory in their intelligence, strong people glory in their strength, rich people glory in their money, but true satisfaction and contentment in life comes only from what? What do you really, truly glory in? Are you preoccupied with Jesus Christ?