

TALK IT OVER

BEHIND THE CURTAIN The ING, Part II– Week 5



Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out the questions that will stir up conversation in your group.

- As child, name someone in your life you trusted? Explain why?

Read Psalms 119:9-11,105. This passage reveals one of the private disciplines of a growing Christian.

- According to these verses, name several benefits that God's word, brings to someone's life.
- Share any ideas you have benefitted from in developing a private discipline of reading the Bible.
- Name several other private disciplines that are important to a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

Read James 1:2-4 and 2 Cor. 1:8-9. Thru these verses we learn one of the purposes of trials in our lives.

- Do you think people typically grow in their faith during good times or hard times? Why?
- How have you seen suffering change your life, or others for the better?
- What pivotal circumstance do you currently face that God might be using to grow your trust in Him?

Read 1 Peter 4:10-11. In this scripture we discover the purpose of personal gifts and talents.

- Why is using your talents for God important for yourself and others?
- Is there any talent or gift that cannot be used for God? Explain.
- Name one gift or talent you have that could be used for God's purposes. Have you used it in this way? Share your experience.

NEXT STEPS:

Here are some specific things you can do this week to help you apply the principles of this message:

Review the 5 Things God uses to grow our faith: Practical Teaching, Providential Relationships, Private Disciplines, Pivotal Circumstances, and Personal Ministry.

Identify which ones you have already experienced in your faith journey.

Identify which ones God may be using right now to grow your faith further.

Talk It Over with God:

- Thank God for the providential relationships He has brought into your life to help grow your faith.
- Ask God to help you develop private disciplines that will deepen your trust in Him.
- Thank God for the pivotal circumstances you currently face that are growing your faith.

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others in a Small Group. Connect at www.newpointe.org – small groups