

A FAITH THAT WORKS: PS STEVE GREEN

Life Group Notes



CONNECT QUESTIONS

Describe your best home recipe.

What is the deepest water you have ever jumped into?

Check out James 1:13-15.

How would you describe 'sin' and what do you think causes sin?

Read **Romans 12:1-2** in a couple of different versions and compare it to what it says here in The Message version: "So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you."

God has a greater life for us than a future that is locked up in sin. God does not want to make a better version of the old me. He's in the business of transformation! What do you think this transformation looks like?

If we change our thoughts (head), then our lives will change. How do you go about changing thoughts that you don't like?

3 questions to ask yourself when tempted to sin:

1. What triggered this?

We all carry baggage in our lives. You know you've got baggage when your response is far beyond reasonable. We need to know what we are carrying in our baggage. When you understand your baggage you know how to get freedom for what you carry around with you. Share with one another openly and honestly about the triggers for you.

2. What lie am I believing?

The reason we let things/sin grow in our lives is that often we have believed a lie. Adam & Eve ate of the tree of the knowledge of good & evil because they believed a lie which said, 'God is holding out on you'. Maybe you believe the lie that God is angry with you, He's abandoned me, I'm missing out, God doesn't really love me etc. Can you identify any lies in your life that you currently believe?

3. What is Gods truth?

Once you have identified any lies you may be believing, you are ready for this next step. You take the lie out of your life and replace it with truth straight from the word of God. Then transformation starts to take place - see **Psalm 119:11**. What are some biblical truths that have helped you in the past? What biblical truth do you need to grab hold of today?

PRAYER

Pray for forgiveness for any area of your life that has been in sin, and ask for God to replace the lies we believe with His truth!

Pray for one another to be able to make wise choices when faced with temptation.