

GUEST SPEAKER: PS. BECS GREEN

Life Group Notes



CONNECT QUESTIONS

What is the highest mountain (or hill) that you have climbed?

If you could invent a new type of chocolate bar what would it be?

Deuteronomy 1:6-7 “The Lord our God said to us at Horeb, “You have stayed long enough at this mountain. Break camp and advance into the hill country of the Amorites; go to all the neighboring peoples in the Arabah, in the mountains, in the western foothills, in the Negev and along the coast, to the land of the Canaanites and to Lebanon, as far as the great river, the Euphrates.”

Ps Becs talked about their dog Chewy – and the fact that he is a lazy and overweight dog – and they need to take him for walks. However, Chewy will only go so far before he decides he has reached his limits and refuses to move another step. We can sometimes be a little like Chewy – when we come across challenges, difficulties, pain, hurt or discouragement, we stop and set up camp in that place. As this happens, our life stagnates and everything we see is reflected or responded to through this place. It affects our relationships, our workplaces, our homes etc. We can sit in our seat of offence under a mountain of bitterness – instead of pressing through! We can sit in our seat of mistake under a mountain of condemnation, instead of finding freedom. What kind of things in our lives can cause us to stop, to give up, or to “camp out”?

You have stayed at this mountain long enough – resume your journey! What do you think resuming your journey looks like?

Ps. Becs talked about her son’s journey with football, and how he came off half way through a rep trial feeling like he would never play football again. However, he got a retrial and then made the rep team! God is a God of the retrials – he gives us new opportunities to step out into his promises. Are there any areas of your life where you need a ‘retrial’?

There are three things we need to think about when faced with camping or resuming our journey:

1. We camp with purpose
2. We need to move together
3. We move for others

There are times when we are brought to a mountain for a purpose. When the Israelites were brought to the mountain, they were established as God’s people Israel. God built their identity and their purpose – however this was not where they needed to stay.

When we are at a mountain, what do we need to address, work through or let go in order to accomplish God’s purposes? We don’t want to go around and around the same mountain, but to find freedom! What mindset or behaviour do you need to shift in order to be able to resume your journey?

Check out **Deuteronomy 10:11**: When we move it is a corporate move – we are in family and do life together – that’s why life groups are so important. When we set up our chair or offence, hurt or condemnation we isolate ourselves and disconnect ourselves from others. How can you ensure you remain part of God’s community?

There are times when we need to move forward, even though it is challenging, because anyone coming after us will camp out in our setbacks as well. WHO do you need to move forward for? Who are the people being affected by your decisions – and who are the people that will be encouraged by your choices?

PRAYER

Pray for one another that we would be aware of any areas of our lives in which we have “set up camp”

Pray for one another to be able to move forward – to break camp and take ground!