**R12 Session # 4**

**Authentic Christ Follower/Leader**

**Pillar 3: Your Relationship with YOURSELF…Sober SELF-ASSESSMENT (12:3-8)**

Welcome & Updates

* Prayer
* Anything from last week still lingering?
* What issues have surfaced since last meeting?
* Anyone memorize 12:3-8? Pair up and try to recite it to each other.

Centering “Romans 12:3-8”

*3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. 4 Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. 7 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; 8 if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.*

Review

#1 Your Relationship with God: Surrendered to God v.1

#2 Your Relationship with the World: Separate from the world v.2

#3 Your relationship with Yourself: Sober Self-Assessment\_\_\_ v.3-8

* What words emerged for you in today’s scripture?
  + What does “sober” mean to you?
  + Lots of “givens” here…
  + Seven gifts listed…others in the Bible…but 7 here. Have you ever taken a spiritual gifts assessment? What are your top 3?

Three questions we all ask ourselves. (that address three key human needs)

The 2 greatest days of a man’s life are the day you were \_\_born\_\_\_ and the day you figure out \_why\_\_you were born. --*AW Tozer*

* (Why) Do you remember the 4 calls—4th call? What’s the point…part of discipling is getting people to answer “why?” In order to answer why, we need to answer…

1. \_Who\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ am I? v.3 Identity

* Identity... you are commanded to think Accurately about yourself. Not too high (pride) Not too low (inferiority) .
* How do you think God sees YOU?
  + Our identity is in Christ…we are righteous. We are saints, not sinners saved by grace. We belong to God. God doesn’t view us as “not measuring up.” But God views us as a beloved child of God. Romans 7 (I am a lowly wretch), but Romans 8..(therefore no condemnation) When we are in Christ, we are counted as good. It is not because of us, but because of Christ in us.
* Point: to help people see themselves as God sees them. In Christ, you are not a sinner saved by grace, but a saint.

2. Where do I \_\_belong\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? v.4-5 Security

* Security…where do you feel insecure? Is it in relation to God, others, yourself, etc.?
* Think of someone who is described as “insecure”. What characteristics? (bully, reserved)
* Think of someone who is secure in who they are. How would you describe them? (dynamic)
* You belong in the body of Christ and you should feel secure there because you have a PURPOSE.
* You belong to this group…regardless of what you have done/not done.

3. What am I supposed \_\_to do\_\_\_\_\_? v.6-8 Significance

* Signficance…We all want to feel significant. There is not ONE who as the same faith journey. Unique.
* Why did God give us gifts?
  + Purpose. Doesn’t that make you ‘significant?’ Spiritual Gifts.
  + Why not find out what they are AND use them…

Discover and deploy your \_\_\_\_Spiritual Gifts\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

* First…we must discover our gifts….Then deploy them. In reading through that list, does any resonant with you?
* PLACE assessment: walk through either Shannon’s or mine.
  + (prophecy): OT-mouthpiece of God, NT-we are mouthpiece of God. 1 Cor 14:3—to encourage, strengthen, and consolation.

The point:

Never forget who you really are!

a. God created you to be completely unique.

You are eternally \_\_\_valuable\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 139:13-14

b. God placed you in His family.

You are unconditionally \_\_accepted\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ephesians 3:19-21

c. God gave you certain gifts to fulfill His purpose.

You are uniquely \_\_\_\_signficant\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ephesians 2:10

The key is learning to be \_\_\_exactly\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who God made you to be.

3- things I am good at:

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3- things I’m not good at:

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Next Week:

Fill out the 3 things for sharing next week, video , spiritual inventory

Be in control…without being controlling

Memorize R12:9-13

Memorize Romans 12:9-13

**9**Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

**10**Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

**11**Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

**12**Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

**13**Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.