



Talk it Over | Week of June 2, 2013 | Mind to Work

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

Opener

- Have you ever had a project that an extended amount of time to complete? What hindered you? What helped you complete it?

A Mind to Work – Read Nehemiah 2:18, 4:6, 6:15-16, Ephesians 2:8-10, Acts 1:1, John 5:17, & Philippians 2:5-7

- Discuss this statement – “We don’t work for grace. We work from grace.”
- Grace does not dismiss works; it empowers them. How does grace empower works?
- A key point in the message was this: “We aren’t primarily rewarded for ‘being’. We are rewarded for doing. Jesus said ‘well done good and faithful servant’.” What part of this statement troubles you? What part challenges you?
- The people of Jerusalem had a mindset change to a “whatever it takes” mentality. Discuss this in relationship to Phil 2:5-7.
- “Doing something may not be comfortable. But doing nothing is not acceptable.” Share a testimony of a time that you reached a “tipping point” and did something that wasn’t comfortable for you. How did you see God’s grace at work.
- What is God putting on your heart to do that you aren’t doing now or haven’t done before.

Actions Steps

- Pray for grace in the group time to step out of comfort zones into new things.
- Take action. Contact a New Life Leader to share the area that you’d like to get involved.
- Make room. Create space in your life to volunteer and serve in the life of the church and within the community.

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