

LGQ's for August 26, 2007

OPENING:

ICEBREAKER or GET YA THINKIN' QUESTION: _____

OPENING PRAYER NOTES: _____

SCRIPTURES:

Philippians 3:12-21

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained. Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

OVERVIEW:

Jeff suggested that our walk is not an event, but a progression and gave us a few more steps to “press on.” He suggested that pressing on requires (5) proper recognition (know where you’re at), (6) proper conformity (what should you be like?), (7) an example to follow (specifically Paul, but find someone today), (8) keeping an eye out for the enemy, and (9) remembering where “home” is (this world is not my home).

QUESTIONS:

- Q:** Once we recognize where we are at, what should we do about it? (*find a mentor, continue to grow, work on our problem areas, etc.*)
- Q:** To be properly conformed (Romans 12:2) or as Jeff said, to “live up to what we’ve attained,” we need to do something I have called “falling forward.” We may not get everything right, but we need to keep forward momentum going. What are some concrete ways we can do this? (*stay in the word, be active in LIFEGROUPS, take some service risks, etc.*)
- Q:** What did Jeff mean by “Remember the enemy is always near” and how should it impact us?
- Q:** If this world is not my home, if I am an alien here, how does knowing that translate to real life? (*being willing to be different, seeking to be used of God, looking for avenues to improve and grow, etc.*)