

## **11/4/2018 – Celebrating the Faith Walk**

### **SMALL GROUP HOMEWORK**

#### **GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

1. What is one of your biggest pet peeves?

2. Describe your past week in weather terms. (Was it stormy, cloudy, foggy, mostly sunny or what?)

3. What was impactful to you from this weekend's message?

#### **INTO THE BIBLE**

1 Timothy 1:5 (NLT) says – “The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.” We’re going to focus on the purpose of Paul’s teaching is that we love through these three characteristics: Pure Heart – Clear Conscience – Genuine Faith

##### **Pure Heart**

1. Read 1 Samuel 16:7. What does this verse say the Lord looks at?

a. What is the heart?

2. Read Psalm 51:10. Can you have a pure (clean) heart without God creating it? Explain your answer.

a. What is our role in creating a clean heart?

b. Is this a one-time event or an ongoing process? Explain.

### **Clear Conscience**

3. In Genesis, Joseph was mistreated by his brothers and left for dead. Through a long series of events, he ended up as a slave in Egypt. He went from slavery to the King's court through the sovereign plan of God. Much later in his life, there was a famine in Canaan. The brothers who had sold him into slavery came seeking food from Egypt. It was at this point that his brothers came before him in the King's court looking for food to see how Joseph responded to his brothers. Read Genesis 45:1-8. What are some ways that Joseph could have responded to his brothers?

a. Put yourself in Joseph's place. How would you have responded?

b. A clear conscience is characterized by always treating people the right way, with love and respect. Joseph had a clear conscience and was used by God to deliver his family. What would have been the negative impact on his life if he had chosen to punish his brothers?

### **Genuine Faith**

3. Read 1 Peter 1:6-9. How is genuine faith built? Explain.

a. How much should you value your faith? b) What difference should your faith make in your life?

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. Are there any selfish motives in your life that are keeping you from having a pure heart?

2. Are there any areas in your life where you do not have a clear conscience? What do you need to do to make it right?

3. Do you see any areas in your life that you need to trust God fully? Do you have a sincere faith?