

## **1/27/2019 – Boot Camp: How to Handle the Word and Handle Your Mouth**

### **GROW GROUP HOMEWORK**

Welcome to sermon based Grow Groups! To prepare for your time together, fully answer the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great meeting!

### **GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

1. What was the best thing that happened to you this past weekend?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What is your favorite quote?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Looking back over last weekend's message, what point, illustration, or idea did you need to hear the most?

### **INTO THE BIBLE**

Pastor Jim talked about the discipline it takes to follow God through reading His Word and taming our tongues. Sometimes, circumstances try to come between us and our relationship with God. Let's look at how to handle those circumstances.

1. God is clear that we do not need to fear the future. Get people in your group to read the following verses: Isaiah 41:10, Psalm 56:3, John 14:27, 1 Peter 5:6-7, and 2 Timothy 1:17. What do these verses tell us about God and our fear?
  - a. Why do you think fear still comes into our lives?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. When you answered, were any of your answers because we sometimes forget who our God is? Read Psalm 8 and see how great is our God.

2. Read Jeremiah 29:11. Does God have an individual plan for your life? Has God's plan always been what you expected? Share some examples.

a. In Acts 19:21, Paul says that he knows he is supposed to go to Rome. In Acts 23:11, Jesus confirms Paul will go to Rome to be a witness for Him. Over the next few years, Paul's life was nearly ended many times. Paul was tried on three different occasions, deported to six places because no one wanted him, an enemy of every state, and was also shipwrecked before he arrived in Rome. Do you think this was how Paul envisioned his trip to Rome? Why or why not?

b. What do you think was God's purpose in allowing Paul to endure such difficult circumstances?

c. Read Philippians 4:11-13. When Paul wrote Philippians, he was in prison in Rome. What had Paul learned through these circumstances?

d. Verse 13 is an often quoted Scripture. What do you think "all things" means in this verse?

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. Have you learned to accept God's plans being different from your plans as a tool God uses to grow you? Why or why not?

2. Why is it so tough to surrender to His will?