

Breaking the Cycle! ...1Corinthians 15:50-58

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." ...1Corinthians 15:58 (ESV)

1. Surveying Your Life... *Where and Why have you stepped away?*

- The Cost of Compromise... *Living with Regret*
- Looking Back to Look Forward...
- Mercy and Grace... *The Trigger for Surrender!*

2. Looking at the Big Picture... *Eternity Begins NOW!*

Scripture: 1Corinthians 15:50-56

3. A Time for Realignment and Recommitment... *True Surrender!*

- **Mindset** affects Everything... (*What you Believe...How you Think*)
- If your _____ and/or _____ is off, you won't see the wrong, or you'll justify it with _____ - _____ .
- Proverbs 3:5-8...

4. Staying the Course...

- Mercies are New...Every Morning!... Lamentations 3:21-26
- Clean Hands / Pure Heart... Psalms 24:3-5
- Take up your cross daily... Matthew 16:24-26
- Don't Turn to the Right or the Left... Joshua 1:7-9

Group Discussion

1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? ...*be descriptive!*
2. READ Lamentations 3:21-26 together... Take each verse and discuss how you have experienced it in your life, or how you hope to experience it. Talk about the steps we can take to prepare our lives for a deeper relationship with the Lord.
3. READ 1Corinthians 15:58 together... and discuss the following questions...
 - What does it mean to be Steadfast, and how does that practically look in your daily life?
 - What does it mean to be Immovable in this verse, and how does that practically look in your daily life?
 - What does it mean to Abound in the work of the Lord and how does that look in your daily life?
4. Is there anything from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? In what way(s) does it affect your life? **How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?**

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)