



## Carpe Diem!...*Seize the Day!* ...*John 12:35-50*

*"...I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." ...Philippians 4:11-13 (ESV)*

### 1. Walking, or Drifting?...

Scripture: *John 12:35-36, John 12:46, Psalm 23:4, 1Peter 5:8-9, Ephesians 5:15-17, James 1:14, 1Corinthians 10:12-13, 1John 2:15-17*

- Walk and Believe...*John 12:35-36, John 12:46, Psalm 23:4*
- Caution toward Drifting... *1Peter 5:8-9, 1Corinthians 16:13-14, Ephesians 5:15-17*
- The Risk of Overconfidence... *James 1:14, 1Corinthians 10:12-13, 1John 2:15-17*

### 2. Walk in the Light...Live in the Light!

Scripture: *Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 5:16*

- Choose to Become like HIM!... *Romans 12:1-2*
- Walk in the Light...Live in the Light... *Matthew 5:16*

### 3. Pushing Against the Darkness...Choosing Joy!

Scripture: *Philippians 4:4-8, Philippians 4:11-13, John 1:4-5*

- Choosing Joy and Peace... *Philippians 4:4-8*
- Victory over Darkness ... *Philippians 4:11-13, John 1:4-5*

Group Discussion

1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? ...be descriptive!

2. What have been some of the greatest struggles you have experienced that have robbed you of **Strength, Joy,** and **Peace** in your life over the past few years?

◆ How have you dealt with or responded to these struggles and difficulties...and experienced victory in these areas? ...be descriptive and explain!

3. **READ 1Corinthians 16:13-14** together, and describe what it says, and how that should look in your daily life.

4. Can you identify at least 5 practical choices/actions that you can make today that can bring **Strength, Joy,** and **Peace** into your life?

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_

◆ Describe **how** and **when** you are going to apply these choices/actions **this week**...

5. 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?

Prayer

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*)