

Point Group Notes

May 5th, 2024

Week 4 – Taste and See

Getting to know you...

1. Have you ever been excited about a dish you were cooking... Only to realize that you've left out a crucial ingredient? What were you cooking? Why was the missing ingredient so essential? (If you're not a cook, ever forget something important while packing for a trip?)
2. A wise poet once said, "*I'd do anything for love... But I won't do THAT*". What are some things you've had difficulty sacrificing as you've grown closer to the Lord? How has your walk with Christ changed your habits and priorities?
3. Did anything from Pastor Dan's sermon this week resonate with you? Do you have any questions or comments about it? What points stood out to you?

Digging Deeper

Pastor Dan showed us how the Holy Spirit's interaction with our lives works similarly to water. If we allow the water to flow, it'll fill every nook and cranny and overflow to the people around us, allowing us to bless and impact our community for Christ. But if we place water dams in our hearts, we impede the flow and don't *fully* experience what God would want for us. **Romans 8:7-10**

1. Some who have not trusted in Jesus might say they are "neutral" towards God. They don't believe, but they don't *hate* the idea... Maybe they would not see a need to believe in Christ for salvation because they "*are a good person.*" How does this text in Romans challenge that idea?
2. This text compares the "flesh" and the "Spirit". In what scenario do you find yourself where you are, battling between your flesh and the Holy Spirit?



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3. This passage talks about death to self. What does that *actually* mean? Is it even possible without the Holy Spirit?
4. How does this passage provide hope for the believer? How might this passage help a non-believer understand their need for Jesus?

Taking it Home...

1. Romans 8 tells us the pitfalls of relying on the flesh to navigate life, but hope exists! We do not live in the flesh! We live in the Spirit because we've accepted Jesus as Savior and have been made new! What would be different in your daily life if you lived out this truth? How about in our church?
2. One of Sunday's takeaways is that sin can make our walk with Christ difficult. Is there sin in your life you feel needs to be confessed? *"Pastor Tim, this is WEIRD!"* James 5:16 *encourages* confessing sin; your Point Group is your immediate, spiritual family. Who better to confess to? If you have something on your heart that feels heavy and complicated, don't hesitate to contact your Point Group Leader privately. They'd love to walk with you as you confess and seek reconciliation with God. Remember, no one is perfect, and we all have sin. Pray and ask the Lord to search your heart. *Psalm 139:23-24*
3. Considering this week's discussion, how can your Point Group pray for you?

