

**STUDY GROUP HOMEWORK
WEEK 1 - 10/11/09**

SERMON NOTES

GETTING STARTED

What was the one chore you had when you were growing up that you hated to do?

Why did you hate it?

What happened when you did not do it?

What are some things today that we are told to do regularly that we sometimes struggle to do (like flossing our teeth)?

Why do we struggle to do what we know we should do?

We're going to dig into this in our discussion today.

Becoming

DIVING DEEPER

This week Frank mentioned the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den. Take some time to read that story in Daniel 6.

What's the problem going on in the story?

Why do you think this group of men have it out for Daniel?

What is the King's response?

Even in the danger of going against the King, David knew and did what God wanted of him. How do you think you would have responded to such a situation?

What was the outcome of the story?

Now read Matthew 16:21-28.

What does Peter do at the beginning of this passage?

What does Jesus say to him?

What do you think Jesus wants his disciples (and us) to take away from verses 24-28?

How do you think these words rang in Peter's ears coming after Jesus had just called him Satan?

BECOMING

Bottom Line: We need to live our lives for God, not for ourselves.

The way we live our lives responsibly is by figuring out who God wants us to be. The following passages give clear examples of things we are not to do (wordly) and things we should be doing (Godly). Take some time and encounter at least one of these passages.

Romans 13
Ephesians 5
Galatians 5
1 Peter 1-2

What are things that you need to begin to deal with in your life to move the world out of it?

What are things you are already doing that are good?

In the next week, I am going to become more like Christ by....

PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Don't forget--this weekend South is hosting a Dean Trune Seminar. The seminar is entitled Becoming: Developing Christ-Centered Character. The seminar will begin on Friday night with two sessions from 7:00 to 9:00pm. Then, on Saturday Dean will teach 4 sessions from 8:30am to 12:30pm. You can reserve space by calling the church or by clicking on the Coming Soon Box at www.seekstudyserve.org. The cost is a \$10 donation per person. No childcare is being provided.

We are looking for Study Groups to volunteer a time or two throughout the year in helping us set up chairs for Sunday morning. We have a few openings left on the 2009 calendar and we'll be looking to fill the entire 2010 calendar. Please discuss this with your group and email the church office (office@seekstudyserve.org) with the weekends you could help.