

NOTES

- Open In Prayer

Announcements:

Pre Service Prayer Sundays @ 9:50am.

Set Free Seminars Feb 23-24 - Get ready to let loose those things that hinder your walk with the Holy Spirit

Last Weeks Key point: The Holy Spirit has ruled out and excluded all flesh of Adam, all human excellence, personality, ability and efficiency in the pursuit of knowing God. Christianity, the faith, depends upon the Spirit-filled Man, Christ, and the man being yielding and filled by the Spirit of God.

Follow up and review last weeks What was it about?

What stood out? What Impact did it have on you, at work, with your family

This Weeks Key point: God knows what he designs us for, though we do not, what services, what trials, and he will take care that we are furnished with grace sufficient.

Ministry of Elijah:

Read: I kings 18:16- 19:5

Focus on 19:5 **Discuss** why elijah was despondent _____

Discuss: Do you Agree with the statement Dave made on Sunday: "things are not always what they seem"?

Discuss: "Our Greatest failures come after our greatest victories."
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Why ? _____

Have you ever been under the Broom Tree?

Do you have any examples in your own life? Any you want to share?? _____

Lets look at Paul,

Read: Phil 1:12 - 14 Dave had Shannon Put on Hand cuffs to emphasize the point here.

What had happened to Paul Read: 2 Cor:11:22-29 .

okay what is Paul saying here: Phil 1:12b _____

2 Cor 11:20-21 - TO what end can our struggles and persecution bring about?

Lets go back to Phil 1:12 - 14 . V 13 who is chained to whom?

Would we have turned the situation around . When under fire, do we use it or run from it.

How would we use it at work, our families, are we empowered or coward?

What are our chains? fear, shame, inadequacy? they may not be as dramatic as Pauls but there is a reason God cannot use them in a similar way? Discuss: _____

- **The Forgotten God**
- Francis Chan

PRAYER ITEMS

Refer to these during the week.
- Government
re: Religious Rights issues
NOT in the law or constitution
- **Prime Minister**
- Premier
Taylor W. Australia
ministry to a couple of
ex-strippers
- Finances for 2nd year
Kara H
finances for trip to Asia in March
Her last Sunday will
be next week March4

LIVE IT:

Reflecting on what the Holy Spirit is revealing to you, What is God asking you to do about today's discussion? Who will you allow to hold you accountable to this? For you personally, what do you need to adjust in your day to put the Holy Spirit more center? How can we your group, brothers and sisters help you ?

Phil 1: 14 Read: _____

Paul's trials gave others encouragement to proclaim the gospel.

Discuss: How has trials and persecution of the faithful in history resulted?

Discuss: do you agree the quote from our brethren overseas that they pray for us in the west that we too should be under persecutions? why? _____

Read: 1 John 5:4-5 implication? _____

Who do you chose? Who do you lean upon under the boom tree?

At the heart of the gospel is Jesus - 1 John 5:4-5, "for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

Who is it that overcomes the world? _____

Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God."

Read: 1 Kings 19:5b-8

Now we can bring Elijah back. Under the broom tree, he is fed and tended to by angels. He rested and then went to be with God and get the answers he sought. **He went back to the source...back to God;** Paul trusted in Jesus...he saw his future in Jesus, he rested in Jesus, He chose Jesus!

Great faith is not always strong. He might be serviceable to Israel at this time, and had all reason to depend upon God's protection, while doing God's work; yet he fails. His was not the deliberate desire of grace, as Paul's to depart and be with Christ. God left Elijah to Himself, to show that when he was bold and strong, it was in the Lord, and the power of his might; but of himself he was no better than his fathers. God knows what he designs us for, though we do not, what services, what trials, and he will take care that we are furnished with grace sufficient.

Have you been under the broom tree lately?

Break up into two groups tonight, Male and female, If possible go to different, separate areas or rooms. .le: kitchen or living/family rooms..

Ask in your group what triumphs you've had lately?

Ask for prayer if you are "under the boom tree" or any specific desire for prayer.

Remember what is shared in the group **STAYS in the group.**

Once the sharing is done **pray for the person on your left.**

When you are done. You can get back to the other group for more "fellowshipin"! **Sometimes the other gender holds back from sharing when mixed, so we would encourage you to do this once in a while.**