



(in'ter-sěkt') – *To cut across; to overlap each other*

HOW'S YOUR SPIRITUAL PREPAREDNESS?

That's the goal of the word of God: to cut across and overlap into our everyday lives. These questions will help us dig a little deeper and make sure that what we are learning is intersecting with our every day lives. They also serve as the framework for discussion and study in our life groups.

Sermon Points:

RESET

1. What are you celebrating this week?

1. The first ability:

Persecution **TOYS** with one's **MIND** and threatens our **HOPE** in God (vs. 13)

2. Take some time to reflect across your past week and/or message notes. What stood out to you? How have you seen God at work? (a song... conversation... prayer... etc?)

2. The second ability:

Persecution can change one's **BEHAVIOR** and **CONDUCT** (vs. 14-16)

OUR JOURNEY

3. This week's message was all about preparedness... what is an event you had to carve out time to prepare for in your life? How did being prepared or not prepared affect your mind and thinking towards that event?
4. Was there ever a time where persecution or stress has caused you to check pieces of your faith at the door? (work, friends, family, health, something else?)

DIGGING IN

5. Look up the following verses how do they compare and contrast with this week's message?

2 Corinthians 10: 3-5

Romans 8: 5-6 and Romans 12:1-3

2 Timothy 3: 12-17

MAKING IT REAL

6. Out of the 6 areas Milton mentioned, are there any you need to "gird up" or intentionally work on? (Does a lifestyle of worship, discipleship, sharing faith, community, service, and prayer flow from you?)
7. Is there an area in your life where your character is not presently conformed to the character of Christ? How is God calling you to address your character to reflect Him to the watching world?
8. Is there anyone you know outside a relationship with God? How may He be calling you to engage them?

Prayer Requests:

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