Reversal

Week 5 Group Guide A series on the economy of God



Overview

The way it is now isn't the way it has to be always. Life with God means being able to depend on dramatic reversals: poor to rich, hurting to healed, last to first. But, we aren't just passive players in these changes. We have a part to play, and that part gives us incredible purpose. Where do you need God to turn things around? That just may be the place he's looking to partner with you. In this series, we will learn how to experience the reversing economy of God.

Week Five ::

Key takeaways & Action Items

- 4 Chairs: Obedience, Opportunity, Obstacle, Offering
- God uses the "valleys" to navigate us through the 4 chairs of reversal properly
- Availability is the antidote to apathy

Group Discussion Questions

- 1. When it comes to your own stories, which chair do you believe has been the most defining up until this point? How do you believe that has led to your own reversals?
- 2. Failure, either our own or by someone in position to influence our story, is a common theme of reversal narratives. As we discussed in David's story the fallout can often be painful. But failure can also propel us from one chair to another. How have you experienced this to be true?
- 3. Do you avoid starting new things because of the fear of failure? What chairs do you find yourself avoiding most often because of your fear of failure?
- 4. What is the biggest fear you have when stepping into something new? (failure, change, comfort?)
- 5. What does it look like for us to "walk into the dark valley" willingly- knowing that it will be hard but worth it in the end?
- 6. What is it that you truly need from other people when in a valley?
- 7. What do you offer to others who are currently in a valley?
- 8. Who is it that gets to speak truths into your life?
- 9. How did you come to find those truth telling people?
- 10. Read John 15:12-14

Availability is the antidote to apathy. How available are you to the people who are there for you? How available are you to others?

Scripture & Resources

 This is My command: Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, that someone would lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you. John 15:12-14 (HCSB)