

Grace Church Discipleship Groups
Sunday, February 4th, 2018



WEEK 3 HOMEWORK

THE HEART OF MAN

The first week's discussion is about The Cliff.

Take a minute to read through the attached discussion questions from *The Heart of Man* and write down your answers to the highlighted questions. (If it helps, feel free to watch the Round Table discussion first.)

Are there any area(s) of your life where you've already stepped off the cliff? If you've already shared this with your group, way to go! If you haven't, please be ready to share this week.

In this week's discussion, they talked about the hopelessness that shame produces in our lives. One of the speakers said: **"The enemy of freedom in our lives is hopelessness."** Have you found this to be true in your life? Please explain.

Near the end of the video, Propaganda said: **"If his love and grace is not unfathomable, then it's not God."** How should this reality shape our view of the Father and his disposition towards us?

Primary Question for Discussion This Week: Are there any areas of your life where you've stopped believing/living like victory, freedom, and deliverance are even possible? How can you (1) rekindle that hope and (2) keep it burning?

YOUR ADVERSARY'S WEAPONS

This week's message focused on Peter's teaching in 1 Peter 5:8-9 and the ways that the devil seeks to devour our life.

Please start this section of your homework by re-reading the passage from 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 on the attached page of additional notes and filling in the blanks. What strikes as you read through this passage again today?

In 1 Peter 5:8, Peter says that the adversary's desire is to devour you. What does the word "devour" tell you about the devil's intentions in your life?

Barry taught us some very important stuff on Sunday! On the attached page of additional notes, we've included three sections that we think are especially important. Please take a minute to read through them. As you're reading, mark anything that you find especially helpful/applicable to your life.

Which of the letters from Barry's F.E.A.R. acronym do you most identify with in your life? In other words, which one of the adversary's weapons that we talked about Sunday tends to be most prevalent in your life?

Before communion on Sunday, Barry asked all of us to answer the question: *What are you afraid of?* In the space below, please write how long this fear has been a part of your life and where it first started (as best you can remember).



SCENE 3: THE CLIFF

Do you believe that God gave you the freedom to love and the freedom to say ‘no’ to the temptations in your life?

Do you sometimes wish you had less freedom?

Do you agree with the above description of how sin works? Is that how you’ve experienced sin in your own life?

What temptation(s) are you currently facing in your own life? What cliff are you standing on?

What has brought you to the cliff?

Do you believe God has given you a choice to walk away from that cliff?

Do you feel God’s presence WITH you on the edge of that cliff?

Who can you talk to about the cliff you are standing on and trust to join you and guide you through your struggle? Contact them TODAY... don’t wait. And ask God to make His presence known to you as you stand on that cliff.



GRACE CHURCH MOUNT PLEASANT

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For though we walk in the _____, we are not waging _____ according to the flesh. For the _____ of our warfare are not of the flesh but have _____ power to destroy strongholds. We destroy _____ and every lofty _____ raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought _____ to obey Christ...

-2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Remember that these weapons we've been talking about must come from a person who is clothed with humility.

Humility is key. Humility means, 'I don't bring anything to the table here. I'm just a sinner saved by grace and I have what God has given me. I need to operate by the power that He gives me, not my own opinions, my own timetables, or whatever else.'

That's why Peter says:

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

-1 Peter 5:5-7

Make no mistake: The adversary's weapons are designed to make you to sin and then be afraid. So the adversary stole Adam and Eve's peace. They had a peaceful, glorious relationship with God and he brought them something they didn't know was going to come.

Satan brought fear and we've been a fearful people ever since; particularly when we fail.

Who gives the spirit of fear? Your adversary the devil works, his currency is in, fear. There are demonic specialties of fear; some low level, some high level. Fear. Eve was afraid she was missing out on something in this life; something that appealed to her eyes, appealed to her flesh, and appealed to her pride. She wanted to gain wisdom. She was afraid.

God doesn't give the spirit of fear. If you have fear, the source is your adversary, it's one of his weapons. You don't have to be bound by it. We have divine power to tear down strongholds and one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit in your life is self-control (or discipline). Isn't that something? You have the Holy Spirit in your life, if you will ask for his help, to give you that self-control you want.