

GROUPS

at 12STONE

MESSAGE GROUPS | KEVIN MYERS, SPIRITUAL GRIT (WK 1) - AUGUST 4

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT:

Spiritual grit is the encouragement and endurance of Jesus. We are strengthened by the Holy Spirit to experience life change, which enables us to live out our calling and impact those around us. When we trust God and open ourselves to see as He does, we will be encouraged to endure for God's will.

ICEBREAKER:

Have you ever conquered a fear? If so, what was the fear and how did you overcome it?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV) aloud. We experience seasons of life that are harder than expected, so we question our ability to endure. But Jesus endured the cross for the sake of our sins because He knew God's promise of resurrection was on the other side.

Q: What area of your life has been harder than you expected? How does knowing God is on the other side help you endure?

Before Peter was a disciple of Jesus he was a fisherman. When he said yes to Jesus, he was no longer a fisher of fish but a fisher of people—meaning, his primary calling was to make followers of Jesus Christ. He realized this calling was harder than expected, but Jesus said in Luke 22:32, "But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

Q: Prayer is powerful because of Jesus. When we pray, Jesus speaks on our behalf, bringing power to our words. How do you pray when you're experiencing trials? How would expecting Jesus' power through prayer change the way you pray?

Acts 2:41 says, "So those who received (Peter's) word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls." When Peter endured the calling of God and experienced the power of prayer, he received the joy of God's encouragement - which brought 3,000 people into God's kingdom.

Q: Where do you need encouragement in your life? How can you lean on God's encouragement during difficult times?

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When we have spiritual grit, we experience life-changing growth that impacts those around us.

Leaders: Share Romans 12:12 as a verse of encouragement and create time for your group to exchange prayer requests. Also, remind your group about Family Dinner on August, 11th.