

OPEN GATE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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TAKING IT HOME

- 8) This week we learned to repent means to “change direction”. Repenting from our “self-life” and turning to Jesus marks the beginning of our life in Christ. As we grow closer to Jesus, we continue to repent from things as the Holy Spirit or Scripture reveals them to us. **As you read the following passage, is there anything you need to repent of?** If so, take some personal time to confess it to Jesus, and ask for His Holy Spirit power to change that area in your life.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 - "[1] But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: [2] For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, [3] unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, [4] traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, [5] having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!"

- 9) Looking back at this week’s teaching and homework, what is most important for you to remember and why?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of February 21, 2021

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) What are your “go-to” meals for breakfast, lunch, and dinner?

- 2) When and how did God begin to get your attention about what it means to follow Him?

- 3) This week we saw Peter boldly proclaim the gospel in front of a large crowd - a big difference from his cowering before a servant girl! The event that changed Peter was being filled with the Holy Spirit. Can you think of any significant events or things that impacted your faith journey?

REVIEW

- 4) Looking back at your notes, what stood out to you from this week’s message? (Favorite point? Questions? etc..)

DIGGING DEEPER

- 5) This week we were reminded how God provides us with His power, His purpose, and His plan. Even though we are all designed and gifted differently, He wants to use *each* of us to be His witnesses. What are some practical ways you can be a witness to non-believers today?

What are some practical ways you can be a witness (or encouragement) to believers today?

- 6) This week we were reminded how *Scripture*, rather than *experience*, must be the standard for truth. Read the following passage about the wicked king of Israel, Ahab, and the godly king of Judah, Jehoshaphat.
- 1 Kings 22:6-8** - "[6] Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall I go against Ramoth Gilead to fight, or shall I refrain?" So they said, "Go up, for the Lord will deliver it into the hand of the king." [7] And Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not still a prophet of the LORD here, that we may inquire of Him?" [8] So the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is still one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the LORD; but I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil." And Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say such things!""

Why do you think Jehoshaphat wanted to ask a "prophet of the LORD" and not these 400 "prophets"?

Why didn't King Ahab like the prophet Micaiah?

- 7) Later on in 1 Kings 22, King Ahab will go to war against Ramoth Gilead, listening to his false prophets and ignoring Micaiah. His decision ends with his death, just as Micaiah, the prophet of the LORD, said it would. Ahab had gathered his own prophets who told him what his "itching ears" wanted to hear. Read the following final charge Paul gives to Timothy, shortly before Paul's death:

2 Timothy 4:1-5 - "[1] I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: [2] Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. [3] For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; [4] and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. [5] But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."

What stands out to you from this passage?

What are some ways we can protect ourselves from following after false prophets and false doctrines?