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- 1) The only prerequisite for witnessing: being with \_\_\_\_\_!
- 2) When you must choose between the two, obey \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) Sometimes, obeying God brings \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Do I seek to live a \_\_\_\_\_ life, or a \_\_\_\_\_ life?

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- 5) Sharing our burdens without \_\_\_\_\_ can only bring earthly comfort.
- 6) Their prayer began with \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7) Their prayer focused on God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8) They prayed for \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9) We should pray more for our \_\_\_\_\_, than to remove our \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10) After all God has done for us, how can we stay \_\_\_\_\_?

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- 1) The only prerequisite for witnessing: being with Jesus!
- 2) When you must choose between the two, obey God rather than man.
- 3) Sometimes, obeying God brings opposition
- 4) Do I seek to live a good life, or a godly life?

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- 5) Sharing our burdens without prayer can only bring earthly comfort.
- 6) Their prayer began with worship.
- 7) Their prayer focused on God's sovereignty.
- 8) They prayed for power to obey.
- 9) We should pray more for our ministry, than to remove our suffering.
- 10) After all God has done for us, how can we stay silent?

## **Food for Thought for the week of March 21, 2021**

**(Questions and Scriptures for further study)**

*\*\*\*Since Life Groups are on break, feel free to use the following study questions with your personal devotions!\*\*\**

1) In this week's message, the disciples took great comfort in God's sovereignty (even amidst their trials). Read the following passage in Isaiah which focuses on the greatness of God.

***Look up and read Isaiah 40:9-31***

2) What does this passage teach you about God?

3) How does this passage help you trust God and His perfect timing?

4) How can you continue to glorify God even when facing opposition?

5) God often told His people to build an altar to remember a specific way God took care of them. In the troubles of today we easily forget God's faithfulness in the past! Take some time to write down some of the things God has done for you.

6) Spend some time in prayer worshipping God for Who He is and thanking Him for what He has already done in your life.

7) Try to think of somebody who is suffering or struggling with opposition in life. Find a way to encourage and pray for them, and point them to Jesus. If you are currently struggling with your own burdens, then find a godly friend and ask them to pray for you.

8) Pray for our North Korean brothers and sisters in Christ. Pray for boldness and wisdom as they secretly share their faith. Pray for supernatural strength to endure and shine for Jesus, especially for those imprisoned in labor camps.