

I shall want. v. 1

1. How can we combat our western world culture of turning our wants into problems? For example:

- Go on a mission trip
- Serve at Hope
- Help someone else

What other ways? As a small group make a decision to participate in an active of service together. God will definitely use this time to nourish and grow each of you.

This is about perspective!

David was thinking in a “big picture” perspective when he said, “I shall not want.”

2. Do you struggle in the faith to believe that God will provide? (Phil 4:19)

Again, think “big picture”. Even if this world were to take everything...even your life...but you still had the LORD...is the LORD enough for you?

Read Phil. 3:7-11 out loud together.

Paul is abandoning all gain from this life...he calls his gain rubbish...and goes on to say in verse 11 that he is striving to obtain the “resurrection from the dead.”

Paul is saying that this life is not worth the life to come. Read Phil 1:21.

This perspective from Paul is how we can honestly say, “I shall not want.”

I will rest in Him. v. 2-3a.

3. Do you ever need to be forced to rest? If so, why?

4. When was the last time you truly found a place to be quiet, reflect, and have your soul restored?

As a small group takes steps to help each family or person to make sure that happens over the next year.

I will follow Him. v. 3b.

Here is the reality about following Christ...You either ARE...or you ARE NOT!

There is NO middle...NO sort of. It CANNOT be both.

5. What does following Christ look like i.e. what kinds of things does a Christ follower do?

- Attend Sunday worship regularly
- Attend small group regularly
- Serve others
(aka Worship, Walk, Work)

6. What other things does a Christ follower do?

7. What areas do you stumble while following?

Make connections of accountability in your small group to help you from stumbling or to pick you up when you do.