



“Vision Weekend”

Ben Davis

John 8:12 “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Pain doesn’t have to be an _____ . It can be an _____ for God to use you like never before.

Three Principles of 2 Corinthians 4

1. Pain can push us _____ to God more than ever before.
2. Pain can point out _____ we need to make.

Ephesians 1:18

3. Pain can be the greatest _____ God uses in your life.

Three Challenges for 2019

1. Engage God’s word _____.
2. Take the 3C spiritual growth survey. (www.riverglen.cc)
3. Come back next weekend for our new series “Better Together”.

LifeGroup Discussion Questions

Ice Breaker

What New Year’s Resolution have you made more than once?

Opening Question

What stood out to you from the weekend message? Was there a scripture, principle, or action step that has stuck with you?

Scripture

Read John 8:12

What is Jesus really claiming in this verse? What is the promise? What does Jesus mean by “light” and “darkness”?

Pain doesn’t have to be an obstacle. It can be an opportunity for God to use you like never before

In what ways do you agree or disagree with this statement from the message?

Read 2 Corinthians 4:6

Paul begins this verse by quoting Genesis 1:3 but he is actually referring to his own conversion experience; the day he saw the light. What does it mean to “see the light” in this context? What was it like for you when you first “saw the light”? How has your life changed since that time?

Points From the Message

Pain has the potential to:

- push us Closer to God than ever before
- point out Adjustments we need to make
- be the greatest Platform God uses in your life

Why does Ben say pain has the “potential”? People sometimes ask why a loving God would allow pain and suffering. In light of this week’s message and the points above, how would you answer that question?

Think back over some of the painful times in your life. Describe how you were brought closer to God, adjustments you made, and how God used that pain to help you impact others.

Hind sight is always 20/20. Was there a painful time in your life when you didn’t allow pain to draw you closer to God? Describe the differences between the two experiences.

Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

How can these verses give hope to our painful situations?

Application

Ben gave us three challenges from the message:

1. Engage God’s word yourself
2. Take the 3C spiritual growth survey

3. Come back next weekend for our new series "Better Together"

What steps can you take to ensure success in any or all of these challenges? What are you waiting for? 😊

Pray