

Life Group Preparation Notes

Virtues series - Daniel Erasmus

“Perseverance” Week 2 - 21st January 2024



Note for the facilitator:

The information shared below is a guideline for you to use in a way that best suits your group. Ensure you maintain a safe space that encourages all members to share vulnerably. Take time to regularly remind the group of your guidelines and values.

Worship: During worship time this week. Take time to reflect on what virtues means to you and how best you can live it out in your daily life. Last week we heard that “honour” is a heart posture, so is worship. Together this can truly impact the way we come before Him and acknowledge Him as Lord of our lives.

Check-in: Share how you were able to live out the virtue of “honour” this past week. If you were not able to do so, share how you may have liked to have honoured God, others or those in leadership, if you got a “do over” this past week.

Synopsis of Message:

We were reminded that virtues are practiced daily and they help form our character. It is who we are. As Christians, we are called to live out Godly virtues. The 2nd virtue highlighted in the series; is “**PERSEVERANCE**”. **Hebrews 10: 35-37** – When you hear this word, you may think of quitting or giving up. The title of Sunday’s message was “**Nah, We don’t quit here!**” Research shows that success isn’t necessarily linked to IQ (Intellectual quotient) but to AQ (Adversity quotient); not how smart you are, but how we overcome adversity. Grit is passion and perseverance for long-term goals.

Ps Daniel shared some key thoughts about perseverance from the account of the Israelites’ experience of marching around the walls of Jericho in **Joshua 6**. He highlighted 2 reasons we give up:

1. We only see from our own perspective.
2. We don’t always see how far we’ve come.

Discussion Questions:

1. As you reflect on persevering vs giving up:
 - a) Share with the group a situation that you experienced or are currently experiencing where you feel like God has forgotten you or where it feels like His promises aren’t applicable to you.
 - b) Ps Daniel shared with us that we sometimes view these situations from our own perspective. It can distort our view. **Refer to Joshua 6:1-5** - to see how perseverance benefited the Israelites. How can changing your perspective impact your perseverance? Name some perspective shifts that could impact your ability to persevere?
2. It’s easier to persevere when we see there’s progress in our situations. Yet God often does something in you before he does something for you. (**Galatians 6:9**) To persevere through difficult times with little or no progress in sight, requires faith. What steps could build a faith that’ll help you persevere through challenging times?

Check out and Prayer:

Facilitator: Share any resources (YouVersion, RightNow Media, other) you find useful. Spend time in prayer, praying for each other’s needs, mentioned during the evening.

Please take note of the important dates below. Enquire from your members what their next steps, so that they don’t miss out on any of these opportunities.

Important Reminders:

- **Vision Sunday:** 28th January 2024.
- **Prayer & Fasting:** Two week prayer and fasting starting the 29th January.
- **Prayer Encounter Services:** 1st and 8th February. **PS: Prayer Encounters are now on a Thursday evening.**
- **Child Blessing:** 4th February
- **LG Leader training:** Evening of the 4th February.
- **Baptism:** 18th February.