Harvester Christian Church

Life Groups | **PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY**

I SURRENDER | MY WALK

**WEEK 4**

“Walk” is a word that is used a couple of different ways in Scripture. Of course, there is the ordinary usage of the word that means to travel by foot. But the word walk has another very important meaning in the Bible. Our task this week is to discover what it means to “surrender my walk” to the Lord.

Try using a couple of different study tools today to explore the word “walk”. First, go back to your **Vine Expository Dictionary app** (available as a free download) and explore the “other” meaning of the word. Jot some notes here as to what you discover about its meaning and usage in Scripture:

Second, go to **BibleGateway.Com** and simply type the word “walk” into the search engine at the top of the page. You will see that the word appears 211 times in Scripture and very often refers to something other than traveling by foot. Take a couple of minutes to glance through those references and write down some of the ways in which we are told to walk. You will see the phrases “walk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” or “walk in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” over and over. What are some of the words used to fill in the blank?

**The Big Goal: Walk as Jesus Walked**

When we talk about leading people to find and follow Jesus, the “follow” part has to do with living a new life in Christ. Once we enter into a saving relationship with Jesus, we are then called to a whole new lifestyle. The New Testament calls that learning to “walk as Jesus walked” (I John 2:6 ESV). Surrendering our walk to the Lord means committing ourselves to live like Jesus.

**The Problem**

Paul addressed a problem in his writings that we often see today. People say “yes” to Jesus but it seems to have little effect on the way they live their lives. They enter into a new life but keep walking the way they walked in their old life. **Read Colossians 3:1-17** and answer these questions.

What major motivation does Paul provide for living/walking in a new way? (vs 1-4)

What old ways (ways they used to walk) were they were told to rid themselves of? (vs 5-10)

Walking in new ways means clothing themselves with certain virtues and practicing new behaviors. What are they? (vs 12-17)

**“We Walk”**

You might have noticed that some of the “walking” verses in Scripture are also “we” verses. Consistently living a lifestyle that honors the Lord is, in some very significant ways, a group activity. **Please read and summarize the following verses**, some that use the word “walk” and some that just speak of how we help one another in our pursuit of godly lives. What are the benefits of exploring the faith within the context of a group of believers? What are things we can do to help one another grow?

* I John 1:7
* 2 John 6
* Proverbs 27:17
* Hebrews 10:24
* Romans 12:10
* Romans 15:14; Colossians 3:16
* Romans 14:13; Romans 15:7
* Ephesians 4:2-3

**Weekly Challenge**

We are challenging unconnected people to get into a Life Group or Core 4 group this week. Most of you doing this study are already in a group, so we have a different challenge for you. Review the verses above and consider your role in helping others in your group walk as Jesus walked. In what way are you “sharpening” another group member? How are you encouraging or spurring someone on? Who do you need to accept more and judge less? What will you do this week to help someone else in their walk?

**Group Discussion**

When working on a project, what are some of the advantages of working alone? What are some of the advantages of working on a team?

Why do you think God calls us to use teamwork when it comes to our walk with Him?

Why is it important that we learn to walk in new ways when we become a disciple of Jesus?

Who has helped you in your walk with the Lord? In what ways did they help you?

What is something the group could do to help you in your walk with the Lord?

Was there anything else you wanted to discuss this week?