

SHAPE – The Courage to SUBMIT

Weekend Discussion Questions

August 15-16, 2015

Community:

1. What do you think society says makes a real man? With that in mind, who do you think of that best fits that description?
2. Looking at your upbringing, who gave you the picture or idea of what makes a man?

Core:

1. Jim Burgen said that independence is the *delusion of the fool*. Would you agree with that? Does that mean that being independent is wrong or misguided? Why or why not?
2. Would you say that most of your problems come from a refusal to submit to what God says is true? If you agree, where has that caused the most problems?
3. **Read Proverbs 3:5-8.** What do you see as the end result of a life submitted to God? How do you fear the Lord? What does that look like?
4. **Read Matthew 7:14.** What do you think Jesus is saying when He says the gate is “small” and the way is “narrow?” How does this affect the way we live life as a Godly man or woman?
5. Jim said this weekend that courage is doing what God says is right and true, whether we can see how it will work out or whether or not we understand it in the moment. What is most at risk for us when we submit to God? In the end, what is the benefit?
6. Jim also stated that you can’t lead until you know how to follow. Have you followed well? Where in your life can you see where you’ve followed well or not?
7. The question from the weekend was: “Where in your life have you not submitted under the authority of what God says is best and true?” Answer this for yourself, where have you or haven’t you submitted?

Challenge:

1. “You can’t teach what you don’t know and you can’t lead where you aren’t willing to go first.” Pray about where you need to go first in order to lead the people closest to you.
2. Look at your life and ask God to help you see where you’ve held back from submitting to Him. Tell someone close to you what this is and ask them to hold you accountable for it.