

SHAPE - PERISH to PROVIDE and PROTECT

Weekend Discussion Questions

September 5-6, 2015

Community:

1. Thinking back to last week, have you taken any steps to *assess* and improve your life this past week? Were there areas where you struggled harder to address?
2. This week's word is *perish*. When you think of perishing to your wants and desires, what comes to mind immediately?

Core:

1. What aspects of your life make you feel like a boy (or a child)? And what aspects make you feel like a man (or woman)?
2. How would you describe the difference between *wants and desires*, and *needs*?
3. **Read John 10:10.** Jesus says He wants us to have an abundant life. What does that abundant life look like for you? Do you believe that it's possible to live a life like that? Why?
4. Jesus lived a life where He *completely* perished yet He was crucified. Can we really relate to that type of sacrifice? Where in life do you need to sacrifice the most?
5. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:11.** What are some *childish ways* that you have given up? What are some areas in your life where you are still childish that you need to give up?
6. What needs to perish in order for you to become the man (or woman) that the people in your life need you to be?
7. "*I would die for my family.*" Jim called BS on that common phrase and asked four hard questions. Discuss each one:
 - a) Are you willing to kill your lust?
 - b) Are you willing to lay down your addiction?
 - c) Are you willing to put to death your selfish ambition?
 - d) Are you willing to crucify your habit of running away from hard things?

Challenge:

Jim listed the things that *boys* do vs. what *men* do. Take some time this week to do a hard assessment on where you need to grow up.

- Boys Take. Men Give.
- Boys ask, "*Is it fun?*" Men ask, "*How can I help?*"
- Boys are "*all in*" as long as it's entertaining. Men are "*all in*" until they finish what they started.
- Boys are about self-indulgence. Men are about sacrificial love.
- Boys expect others to provide what they lack. Men look around to see where something is lacking, and provide.



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