

Wildfire – Burned by the Fire

Weekend Discussion Questions

June 21-22, 2014

Community:

1. What are some of the stupidest things that you think people would say to someone who's house burnt down in a wildfire?

Core:

1. What do you think were the top 3 factors in the way the early church spread like wildfire?
2. During the spread of the early church, Herod began to have church leaders killed. What do you think his thought process was?
3. In Acts 12:5, we read that Peter was in prison, but the church was praying for him—what do you think they were praying for?
4. Now read verses 6-11. Why do you think Peter was confused when he was released? Why don't you think that Peter knew "in the moment" what God was doing?
5. Read through verses 12-16. Why do you think that the group of people praying were surprised?
6. Paul writes about his own struggle in 2 Corinthians 12:8-9. What are a few reasons that God gives us "thorns" we need to deal with?
7. What does it mean for God's grace to be "sufficient" for us?
8. Now read 2 Corinthians 12:10. Why in the world would we "delight" in hardships, persecutions, and difficulties?
9. Read Romans 8:26-27. Can you describe a time when you were too tired, stressed, or hurt to even know what to pray for? How did God answer you while you were desperate?
10. If you were (are) hurting, in pain, and desperate—what would you want someone else to do for you?

Challenge:

1. What's an example of a time that you didn't see why God answered a prayer the way He did until afterward?
2. What are the keys to holding on to the fact that God is good even though we're in pain and can't see how any of our circumstances could be good?
3. Jim asked us to intercede for each other—have everyone in the group commit to pray for the person on their right for the next week.