



Meeting Notes – Spirit Check, Continued (July 16, 2014)

These notes capture our July 16, 2014 meeting. We opened our meeting in prayer and then began our evening. Topic notes from the evening may not be in the order discussed during group, and they are not intended to cover everything discussed. They are intended as highlights to capture the essence of our evening. General notes follow each topic that was discussed.

GOD’S OVERALL VISION for the Group: Learn how to apply the Word to our lives.

CURRENT VISION: “The Year of Maturity: Learning how to hear with ears of faith that we may be doers of the word and not hearers only.” Scripture Reference: **Mark 4:24**.

Memory Verse: Hebrews 6:1 – “Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God” (NKJV).

Closing the Loop on Last Meeting:

- **Where are we as a group?** In our last meeting, someone asked me to assess where I see us as a group; however, I forgot to include the results in the Notes:
 - **Overall Group Vision.** Collectively, we seem to be in thorny ground when applying the Word to our daily lives. When it comes to applying the Word, there continues to be a disconnect between our head and our heart, which stunts our spiritual growth.
 - **Group 2014 Vision.** Overall, we appear to be somewhere between rocky and thorny when it comes to having ears of faith that we might be doers of the Word and not hearers only. Sometimes, we just don’t want to hurt or the pain becomes too intense for us to bear as we wait on God’s Word to transform us, which makes it hard for us to obey. Other times, we have a hard time trusting God, because we allow the cares, riches, or pleasures of life to choke out the Word.
 - **Personal visions.** Generally, we do well with having a personal vision, but when it comes to applying it, we’re more in the thorny ground. We tend to get distracted by our circumstances and lose focus on our vision.
- **Producing individual fruit.** In our last meeting, we discussed producing fruit as a group. Collectively, we should all focus on producing the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. However, as individuals, we should focus on producing fruit based on our vision and the Scriptures we are planting in our heart.
- **Memory verse.** We discussed the importance of knowing where to find the

memory verse and understanding the principle contained therein rather than just memorizing it. Thus, even if we cannot repeat the memory verse verbatim, we need to know and understand how to repent from dead works and to have faith towards God. **Takeaway.** Know where to find the memory verse, the principles it teaches, and how to apply it.

Discussion Topic - Spirit Check, Continued: As it turned out, two of those present had not had a chance to share her vision. Therefore, we devoted the evening to getting them caught up with the rest of the group. We covered their vision, where they are in the soils, and why. Here are some nuggets from our discussion:

- **Visions can change.** When one person shared her vision, someone else asked if she needed to narrow it down. We concluded, despite where we start, God can lead us in the right direction. For example, I started out thinking Colossians 8:23 was to help me overcome procrastination. However, this particular portion of my vision has morphed on more than one occasion! As we learned through our discussion, procrastination is a fruit, but value is my root! Now that the Holy Spirit has me at the root, He can really move!
- **Keeping the right focus.** We discussed how we give power to whatever we focus on. Therefore, rather than focus on what we're trying to overcome, focus on where we're going in the Lord.
- **Perfect love.** If we don't know what perfect love looks like, it cannot cast out our fears (1 John 4:18).
- **Helpful practice.** Someone suggested having a journal with God moments. That way, when we need encouragement, we can go look in that one journal.

Homework Assignment: Continue learning the memory verse.

Upcoming Meetings: Reminder, we will be praying for all school-age girls during our July 30, 2014 meeting.

Closing: We closed our meeting in prayer with a time of need-specific prayer for the challenges that were lifted up, for the group overall, and as the Holy Spirit led.

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