

WEEK 3 – CHAPTERS 5-6

1. It's one thing to be shocked about the people's actions when we hear about their sinful activities via the tv or news feed, but what about when it's someone you know, how does that change things?
2. If your spouse says something to you that is hurtful, what is your typical response?
3. How do unthoughtful words from a family or friend affect your relationship? How hard is it to let it go?
4. What does Jeremiah 17:9 have to say about the human heart? How important is it to have realistic view of yourself?
5. It's easy to be cynic about our broken world, and even be offended, what alternatives does Brant suggest on pp.40-41?
6. How does grace and gratitude change our view of those who have offended us?

Read Mark 10:35-45

1. How did Jesus respond to James and John when they said "We want you to do for us whatever we ask."? What would your response be if a sibling or child said this to you?
2. By the time this event happens in Jesus' ministry, the James and John have been with him for nearly three years! What does their request of letting them sit to the left and right of Him in heaven tell us about their understanding of the kingdom? What does it tell us about us?
3. How did Jesus respond to James and John's request in verse 38? What was His answer in verse 40?
4. Why do you think the other disciples were unhappy when they heard that James and John had made this request?
5. The request of the disciples brings to light our natural desires to be approved of and rewarded in worldly terms. What does Jesus say the real meaning of greatness is?
6. As a servant of Jesus, how are we to respond to those close to us who say or do things that hurt or anger us?
7. How does grace impact our family relationships?

Weekly Verse: Nehemiah 9:17 "You are a forgiving God
Gracious and compassionate,
Slow to anger and abounding in love."

Joy! This lesson could be about our inability to hear what Jesus is saying to us, instead it so much more about how Jesus responds in love to us.