

Saturday & Sunday, April 28 & 29 2018 - "Hope Restored Week 5 - Interview of Kristine Bresser" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Romans 5:5-11

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas/ Highlights from Kristine Bresser Interview (one of Grace's ministry partners)

- We have to allow the fight for hope to be a God thing
- Sometimes healing/the fullness of God's spirit comes in layers
- Sometimes something is blocking the fullness (bitterness, forgiveness, etc.)
- Kristine helps people in ministry stay in ministry and helps christian workers deal with trauma and pain with the Lord
 - She does this with foreign christian workers
 - And with local christian worker
- Kristine was working with a man who was dealing with a lot of pain and anger
 - The love of God was pouring into this man but there was a block, his unforgiveness
 - Kristine told him, "Don't worry about the forgiveness, just talk to Jesus about the pain in your heart"
 - He began to feel mercy for the one he thought he would never forgive
- Jesus died to save us from our sin, but he also died in exchange for our pain
 - Sin → Salvation
 - Pain → healing/comfort/love
- Sometimes we need to act out our salvation or our faith
 - In the Bible: the blind man who Jesus healed by making mud and putting it on his eyes (he had to do what Jesus said and go and wash)
 - The man Kristine shared about: he took what he had to take to Jesus and to the cross
- Sometimes an act of faith is what uncovers or reveals the next layer of the healing/growing/loving that God is doing

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. How have you been doing at fighting for hope? What has God been teaching you about hope and it's importance in your life?
2. Have you ever felt like there was a block preventing you from experiencing the fullness of God's love and Spirit? What was it like? How did God lead you or how is God leading you through it?
3. If you're comfortable sharing, what are some of the things that Jesus wants you to bring to Him? Pain, anger, bitterness, unforgiveness?
4. What is an act of faith that God might be calling you to unlock more of his love and Spirit in your life?
5. How has God used an act of faith/obedience in the past to allow you to experience more of Him?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or message?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: 1 Timothy 3 Tues: 1 Timothy 4 Wed: 1 Timothy 5 Thurs: 1 Timothy 6 Fri: 2 Timothy 1

Worship Set from this weekend:

"Let Revival Come (Revive Me) - People and Songs "Glorious" - Martha Munizzi "Higher" - Grace original
"Here As In Heaven" - Elevation Worship "Only Jesus" - Brian Johnson/Bethel Music