

# Growth Group Questions July 6, 2025 "The Benefits of Sacrifice"

#### **SCRIPTURE:**

### Matthew 5:41

41 If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.

## Mark 10:45

<sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

## **Matthew 13:44**

<sup>44</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

#### **Ephesians 2:10**

10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

## Philippians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

1. In Matthew 5:41, Jesus told the disciples "If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles." What was Jesus trying to teach them by this statement? Why is the second mile so important?

- 2. In Mark 10:45, we read that Jesus came to "give his life as a ransom for many." What significance does the term "ransom" have in this statement?
- 3. How is Heaven like treasure hidden in a field? (Matthew 13:44)
- 4. Pastor Chad said that in life, we find ourselves trying to answer three questions: (1) Who am I? (2) Do I matter? and (3) Where do I belong? What answers to these three questions often come from this world and how do those answers differ from what God's truth tells us? What Bible verses help to remind you of God's answers to these questions are for us?
- 5. What does it mean that we are "God's masterpiece"?
- 6. Pastor Chad said that Jesus calls us to sacrifice. What sacrifices do you believe Jesus is calling on us to make?
- 7. The Apostle Paul told us to "rejoice in the Lord always . . ." (Philippians 4:4) How can we cultivate a spirit of rejoicing even when facing difficult circumstances?
- 8. How do you define "the peace of God which transcends all understanding?" (Philippians 4:7)
- 9. The title of this week's sermon is "The Benefits of Sacrifice." What do you believe to be are the benefits of the sacrifice Jesus calls us to make?