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Diving Deeper: A Gather Group discussion guide or personal devotional guide



Title or Testimony

Introduction: .Genesis 4 introduces to Cain's offspring. His first Son was named Enoch and he named a city after his firstborn. Cain and his descendants did not call upon the Lord. Adam and Eve had another son—Seth, who would produce the godly lineage. The 7th from Adam in the line of Seth was also named Enoch. He did not have a city named after him, but he had the testimony that he "Walked with God."

Text: Read Genesis 4:17; 5:21-25, Jude 14-15, Hebrews 11:5-6, Hebrews 12:1

Discussion:

- 1. Icebreaker: The temptation in life is to make our name known. We desire the applause and the accolades. Especially in the social media generation . . . it screams "Look at me!" What is the difference in seeking a title or a testimony?
- 2. Read Matthew 23:5-7 What does this say about seeking a title?
- 3. What does it mean to "walk with God?"
- 4. Walking with God implies reconciliation with God: Read Amos 3:3 Why is repentance and salvation necessary to begin your walk with God?
- 5. Walking with God implies a surrendered will. (Luke 9:23) What did Jesus say we must do in order to follow after him? Why is it necessary to do this daily?
- 6. Walking with God implies moral fitness. How can we say spiritually fit? What are some of the daily exercises of faith?
- 7. Walking with God implies perseverance. Enoch walked with God for 300 years. What is the difference between a sprint and a marathon?
- 8. Walking with God implies an active witness. Read Jude 14-15. How can you be a witness for Jesus?
- 9. Enoch walked with God. He didn't walk alone. He walked with God. Our faith isn't in ourself, it is in God. We walk with Jesus. The Holy Spirit lives in the lives of the believer. Discuss the importance of knowing this reality.
- 10. Read Heb. 12:1. The cloud of witnesses have gone before us and have walked with God. They are cheering us on in the heavenly stadium telling us that it is worth the walk. How does looking at the lives of godly men and woman encourage you to continue a faithful walk with Jesus?

Think About it:

- -If we seek a title then we will be known by men.
- -If we seek a testimony you will be known by God.
- -If we seek a title we seek status.
- -If we seek testimony we seek to serve.
- -If you seek a title you will seek to please men.
- -If you seek a testimony you will seek to please God.
- -Are you trying to sow wild oats or wise oats in life?
- -Title = no moral standards
- -Testimony= have moral standards
- -Title... no thought for eternity
- -Testimony... heaven bound.

Moving Forward:

This week take time to write out what you would want someone to say at your funeral. What do you want to be remembered for? Hopefully you want your life to have pleased God. Begin to write out an action plan of how you will line your life up with the desire to be known as someone who walked with God. May you have a testimony that brings honor to the Lord!