SG2 - "Rebuilding Our Infrastructure"

Rebuild: Rehabituating Our Life in Christ

Total Devotion '16 - '17

***This study is built on the key message of the same title. It's an ESSENTIAL message in setting up the foundation of your rebuild in Christ. It can be found at www.totaldevotionmbcla.wordpress.com (Nov. 7, 2016 post) or www.td.mbcla.org (under Messages). Please listen to it carefully, take notes, and then bring 2 of your own thoughts and issues to discuss with your small group. - Arthur***

Discussion Questions

We're going to take a different approach to our small group study this week. We're going to ask each of you small group members to come up with three questions/issues - arising out of this message and based on the 3-prongs (upward, outward, downward) that you think would be meaningful and beneficial for your small group to discuss and work through that would help towards the successful rebuilding of our lives in Christ . Use this opportunity to discuss and challenge each other towards growing in upward engagement with God, outward engagement with society, and downward engagement with the marginalized..

1. Upward - engagement with God - getting to better know God's heart, mind, ways, expectations, etc.
2. Outward - engagement with society - seeing society more accurately, identifying areas of potential representation and impact
3. Downward - engagement with the "least of these" (in the world's eyes) - orphans, disabled, poor, disadvantaged, elderly, widows, stigmatized, etc.

Small group housekeeping and homework

If you're new to TD, you should know that TD sponsors 7 orphaned children (3 girls with special needs in China with Show Hope, and 4 boys with Rafiki Foundation). God is caring for them through TD's generous and consistent giving

We encourage you to join in making a monthly pledge towards helping support these kids. Tell your small group leader this Friday. It can be any amount you want. Check out www.showhope.org for more information on Show Hope and www.rafikifoundation.org for information on Rafiki.

1. Pay and Pray

* 1. Pay your small group leader your monthly support amount for the orphaned children we are sponsoring with Rafiki (4 boys) and Show Hope (3 girls).
  2. Pray for these children ("The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:16).

The guys groups can pray for the boys from Rafiki - Christopher, Andrew, Wilson, and Robert.

The girls groups can pray for the girls from Show Hope - Dondeena, Aurora, and Suzy

1. Begin researching ways to serve your local community - Outward and/or Downward - and see what opportunities are there for you to represent Christ in society. We will provide opportunities through TD as well, but do some of your own research as well.