

“Heart For The House”

“The Value of You”

warm-up

Group Ice Breaker:

How would you define influence? How do you experience the influence of the Holy Spirit?
What adjectives would you use to describe this influence?

word & application

Matthew 5:5-6

“(5)Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. (6)Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

2 Corinthians 12:9

*“Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. **My power works best in weakness.**” So now I am glad to **boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.**”*

Observations:

- WEAKNESS = “astheneia” in Greek: a desire of the soul for strength and capacity to do great things
- Paul is not “bragging about his brokenness”, but rather rejoicing in his spiritual attitude of recognizing that God’s greatness surpasses anything we can imagine. By emptying ourselves of a desire for our own greatness, we can create room for the Holy Spirit to fill us with the greatness God would have overflow out of us.
- This word weakness better describes a posture of a “strong, empty vessel”, rather than that of “lacking strength.”

Discussion & Application:

- Do we have a desire for God to live powerfully through us? How could this look? How can we make ourselves willing and available for this?*
- Do we view ourselves as broken, or as unique vessels that God has designed for unique purposes?*
- What personal obstacles do we encounter that could hold us back from surrendering our capacity in order to experience an infilling of God’s Holy Spirit?*
 - Our personal achievements (or lack of)?*
 - Our education level (too much or too little)?*
 - Our personal prejudices?*
 - Our desire for control?*
- How can we actively recognize these obstacles, surrender our capacity to the Holy Spirit, and experience his power as he lives through us?*

prayer

Share any recent “God moments” in your life. Pray over group requests. Pray that we embrace an attitude of “open capacity” for the Holy Spirit to live through. Pray that as we do this, God makes his power and love known to us, and that our lives and those around us are transformed by personally experiencing Jesus.