

WEEK TWENTY-EIGHT, DISCIPLE MAKING

Chapter 2, "Giving and Gaining Spiritual Ground," *RSG*

Chapter 2 of *RSG* is one of the most important studies of the entire year! We will cover more profound truth this week than perhaps any other. Please encourage the people in your D group to give quality time to this chapter. Pray for them!

Make sure that you have prayed for yourself! (*The enemy hates being exposed, expect his attacks!*)

If God is going to use us to be a catalyst for spiritual awakening, we must experience the reality of freedom in Christ.

The following questions are given to aid you as you lead the discussion this week and apply the truths from Chapter 2. It is not imperative for you to use these questions or to cover all of them.

- **It is imperative that we are clear on the term "demon possession." Spend adequate time to make sure that everyone is on the same page regarding Logan's comments regarding possession. (Page 38). (*To aid in your discussion, you may want to mention this clarifying remark Bro. Steve often makes, "A Christian cannot be possessed, but he can be oppressed, distressed, and can become obsessed."*)**
- **The following remark is so important that I have chosen to quote it in its entirety here. One sentence is such a hinge statement that I have underlined it. "Only eternity will reveal the number of believers who have led unproductive, frustrated lives and of Christian workers who have been forced to forsake their ministries because of attacks of the enemy. This happens in spite of the fact that the New Testament warnings concerning demonic activity are all addressed to believers. . . How RESIST got changed to IGNORE in so many segments of the Church, I don't know. When it did, however, Satan and his forces gained a great strategic advantage" (Page 39). Discuss the differences, when faced with temptation and strongholds, of ignoring or resisting Satan.**

- Logan does an excellent job explaining the meaning of the word “place” from Eph. 4:27, “Neither give place to the devil.” He writes, “The word translated *place* here is the Greek word *topos*. This word might look familiar to you even in its original form. It’s at the root of English words like topography, and refers to the ground or a specific spot or location. So giving place to Satan in our lives is giving him ground, a “foothold” (Page 40). Using the wartime illustration of an army gaining a foothold on a beach, discuss how the enemy seeks to gain ground then afterwards, take more ground.
- Logan further explains, “Ground is yielded to the enemy when we cling to our sin rather than confess it and turn from it. If we persist in our sin, Satan has the time and opportunity he needs to build a stronghold on the ground he has taken from us. I’m convinced that a satanic stronghold has been erected and is firmly in place in our lives by the time sin reaches the habit stage, if not before” (Page 45). Discuss the importance of not only confessing, but repenting from sin.
- Logan defines a stronghold as, “A mindset impregnated with hopelessness that causes me to accept as unchangeable something that we know is contrary to the will of God” (Page 42). I also believe that a sin has become a stronghold when you no longer confess it as sin. It has become such a part of your life that you have become comfortable with it. Discuss the imperative of overcoming strongholds if you are to be a disciple and a disciple maker.
- Logan lays out steps for freedom on pages 47-53. In particular, please note the section “taking back ground” (Pages 49-50). He discusses the imperative of verbally taking back ground that I have given to Satan. This is an imperative in spiritual warfare that must not only be discussed, but appropriated. For further study on this, please see Dr. Rogers booklet, *How to Break Satan’s Stronghold in Your Life*, pages 14-15.

Our verse next week is Ephesians 6:10.