

WEEK TWENTY-NINE, DISCIPLE MAKING

Chapter 4, "Giving and Gaining Spiritual Ground," *RSG*

Let me encourage you to keep four things before those in your group:

- **Realize you are in a spiritual battle,**
- **Repent of sin,**
- **Resist Satan and his demons, and**
- **Renew your heart.** (3 of these 4 points come from Dr. Rogers' excellent booklet *How to Break Satan's Strongholds in Your Life.*)

Application of truth, not merely gaining of truth, is the goal.

Remember, there are weeks that we read and discuss one chapter and merely skim another. This is one of those weeks. We are focusing on chapter 4, "Looking Backward: Unforgiveness and Bitterness." While chapter 5, "It's Always Right to Get Right," is a valuable chapter, it's for your group to skim, not focus on at this time.

The following questions are given to aid you as you lead the discussion this week and apply the truths from Chapter 4. It is not imperative for you to use these questions or to cover all of them.

- **Logan writes, "If I had to sum up the message of the Scriptures in one word, it would be the word *forgiveness*. Now if forgiveness is one of the central themes of the Bible—perhaps the central theme—where do you suppose the enemy might attack you and me as God's children? Through unforgiveness . . . In fact, when unforgiveness and bitterness rule my heart, I'm moving backward in my relationships with people and God, and I'm opening myself up to Satan's attacks" (Page 74). Discuss a time in your life when unforgiveness and bitterness gripped your heart (allow members the opportunity to be vague about the specifics of what went on if they need to). Describe how you can see Satan's working in that situation.**
- **Walk through the Steps of Forgiveness that Logan lays out on pages 77-87. There is a wealth of information that you and those in your group will glean simply by reading these pages.**

- **In the last section of Chapter 4, “Choose to Forgive,” make sure and emphasize Logan’s statement, “Forgiveness is a choice, not a feeling” (Page 87). Emphasize the freedom Logan experienced after he forgave his father. If you have a personal example of that, share your story.**

Our verse next week is Ephesians 6:11.