

God the Bounty Hunter
Weekend Discussion Questions
October 30-31, 2010

Community:

1. Who has been the greatest source of encouragement in your life?
2. Share some ways that you've been encouraged, and how you encourage others.

Core:

1. Read Acts 9:19-25 and discuss the struggles Christians had with Saul/Paul at this time.
2. Would you have had a hard time believing Saul/Paul's change, had you been there?
3. Have you experienced the same: people not liking or believing the changes in your life?
4. Even if these changes are real, have you dealt (or are dealing) with someone who's not done being mad at you...or do you have someone you're still mad at?
5. Jim said the two best ways to get over the cynicism to our/other's change were to (1) Prove it and (2) Pray. Which of these two do you think is the easiest to do? Why?
6. Read 1 Peter 3:5 and discuss what this looks like in your life.
7. Read Acts 9:26-27. Who has been the greatest "Barnabas" in your life?
8. What did your "Barnabas" do to encourage you and what were you going through?
9. Read Philippians 3:12-14. How do you define "pressing on" as Paul writes here?
10. How do we reconcile and let go of our past when others won't let us?
11. Read Hebrews 10:23-25 and discuss the need to "spur each other on."

Challenge:

1. Take this week and focus on being an encouragement...starting with those closest to you and moving outward—from family, to neighbors, and to the stranger on the street.
2. Seek out that one person who needs your encouragement the most and reach out to them—no matter how difficult and uncomfortable it may be.

