

Stumbling Followers
John 16.29-33
Week of May 3, 2015
Growth Group Questions



1. Talk about places in your life where accounts are kept, formally or informally, of your behavior and performance. Where do you keep an account of others? How does this affect you, make you feel, motivate or de-motivate you.

2. Reread our teaching passage, John 16.29-33.

- a. Think and talk about Jesus' words and acts of grace toward His followers He knew would stumble badly.

- b. Let's get the gospel clear in our minds: Jesus does not keep an account of our sins! How is this true? Enjoy the good news of Psalm 32.1-2 ("in whose spirit is no deceit" means the person is honest with God or others about his stumbling, not that the person is "perfect" or "faultless." See Proverbs 28.13.)

- c. How do you think the gospel (good news) of Jesus' grace changed and transformed these stumbling first followers of Jesus?

- d. How does this good news change you when you sin? How does it change what you desire, your motivations, your relationships, how you live in the future? (For deeper study, take a look at Romans 5.20b, 6.1-7.)

3. How is your growth group reaching out beyond yourselves to serve others? Pray, and act in His power!

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Message Notes



1. Stumbling Followers

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1 Corinthians 10.12

2. Graced-by-Jesus Stumbling Followers

John 16.33

Losing our balance and stumbling--when we're honest with it--introduces us to ourselves and reminds us that we are not the person we thought we were.

Losing our balance and stumbling--when we're honest with it--reminds us each day how desperately we need Jesus.