



GUARDRAILS

Small Group Questions Week 1

1. What is a guardrail? What is its purpose? What is a spiritual guardrail?

Answer – A spiritual guardrail is a line that we place in our lives that we will not cross, it is to keep us on the path God wants us to travel down spiritually.

2. Guardrails are always put on a path or a road where people travel. What is the path that we are on as Christians that needs guardrails? How do we decide where we need to put a spiritual guardrail?

Answer—The path that we travel on as Christians is defined by what the Bible tells us pleases God. When we do what God desires us to do, we are on the path. When we sin, or do not do what God asks us to do, we have strayed from the path. We need to put guardrails in the places of our lives that we have trouble staying on God's path. This could be in an area of sin in our lives or in a place where we struggle to do what God asks us to do.

3. What is the greatest guardrail that God has given us? How does this work as a guardrail?

Answer— God has actually given us two main things that act as guardrails in our lives. The first is the Bible, because what God says is right to do and wrong to do make up the boundaries of the path He wants us to travel on. The second is he has given us the Holy Spirit. It is the job of the Holy Spirit to show us the places we have strayed from the path and give us the strength to stay on the path.

4. Read Proverbs 3:13-18 and 4:5-8. In the chapter 3 passage, the value of having wisdom is compared to what? Why do you think Solomon compares wisdom to material wealth? In both of these passages, what is promised to the person who gets wisdom?

5. Pastor Mark gave a definition of wisdom, what was it? In order to be a wise person, what must you know and then what must you do according to this definition? How do you think having wisdom helps us to set up guardrails?

Answer—Wisdom definition—Knowing the difference between what is right and what is wrong, seeing the difference between what is good to do and what is the best thing to do, and then choosing to do the best thing.