

COMMUNITY GROUP OUTLINE FOR THE WEEK OF 7/15/18 “SHAME OFF YOU”

WELCOME

Have your character and humanity been forged more by pleasure and success or by pain and disappointment?

If you could live anywhere in the world, then where would you live?

WORSHIP

Invite God’s Spirit to be present in your midst. Pray *Psalm 32:1-2* to the Lord.

WORD

1. In your own words, define shame. The Law says, “Shame on you.” Grace says, “Shame off you.” Do you agree or disagree? Talk it out.
2. Satan’s plan: Self Worth = Your Performance + Others’ Opinions. Let’s drill down a little deeper concerning the work of Satan in the life of a believer.

First, Satan wants to keep the believer in the sphere of the flesh (human elements apart from God.) Check out *I Corinthians 3:3, Romans 8:6-8*. What do these verses say to you? Next, Satan wants to separate the believer from being able to relate to God. He tries to isolate us and alienate us from God and other believers. If this doesn’t work, then Satan will try to devastate the believer. Check out *I Peter 5:8b, John 10:10a*. If Satan cannot isolate, alienate, or devastate the believer, then he will try to complicate (to encourage the installation of a set of rules in your relationship with God.)

3. Now, be reminded who you are in Christ by reading the following verses: *Phil. 1:6, Romans 8:38-39, Gal. 2:20, Titus 2:13-14, Phil. 1:21, Romans 1:16, Phil. 3:14*. Stick to God’s Plan this week: Self Worth = God’s Truth About You.
4. Share your testimony (or ask a CG member) about God delivering you from shame.

WORKS

Pray for each other. Pray that “shame off you” reaches the heart.