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2. What are you thankful for right now? (Take time in the group to offer up a prayer of thanks).
3. What from the sermon impacted you most?
4. I said that “God promises to bless you if you walk with Him through trial.”
 - James 1:2 says that you should, “consider it pure joy whenever you face trials of many kinds.” When have you found joy in facing trial? How did that play out?
 - James 1:4 says that in facing trial we “let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, **not lacking anything.**” Talk about a trial where God gave you something.
5. “Every trial is a chance to know God better.” What have you learned personally about God? How does He deal with you?
6. “Every trial is a chance to see the mind of Christ at work and to think like Him?”
 - Do you consciously do this?
 - Do you ask, “What would Jesus think about this situation? How would He approach this?”
 - Do you think more like Him than you used to? How?
7. “Every trial is a chance to take your thoughts captive to Christ?”
 - Does He captivate you? Has He?
8. “Every action you take is rooted in the thought that produced it.” When it comes to your life what stories do you tell yourself about you? Are you a hero or a victim? Or what?
9. “Your starting place determines your outcome.” Where do you start? With yourself and the narrative you have for you? ... Or do you focus on the narrative Jesus has for you?
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