

## *Kill or Be Killed*

Summitview's Spring Training for Men

Week 3: "The right time...to win" - April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010

### ALONE

Spend 5-10 minutes reading Philippians 3

### IN GROUPS

Chapter 5 "*What Mortification Is Not*"

*"He that changes pride for worldliness, sensuality for Pharisaism, vanity in himself to the contempt of others, let him not think that he has mortified the sin that he seems to have left. He has changed his master, but is a servant still."* -Owen

Pick three

(30 Minutes)

1. Why is it important to understand that mortification is to be aimed at but will not be accomplished in this life?
2. What word picture might aptly describe this "aiming at but never achieving?"
3. Why is it important to not confuse the occasional restraining of outward sin with real mortification?
4. When have you seen one area of sin subside only to see "the same corrupted habit vent itself some other?"

AFTER THE MESSAGE... (Again pick three and move to more as time allows)

Chapter 6 "*What Mortification Is*"

*"It is to be feared that very many have little knowledge of the main enemy that they carry about with them in their bosoms."* - Owen

5. How is the metaphor of crucifixion helpful in our understanding of true mortification (Galatians 5:24)? What does true mortification entail?
6. Why is it important that our sin is ever before us (Ps 51:3) and that we became experts in its patterns and deceitfulness.
7. How can we strike new blows to sin every day and keep it "under the sword?" How can we go on the offensive?
8. How can you go on the offensive against your own specific sin? (remember to think of the pride, idolatry or unbelief below the actions)

Pray for the man on your right – pray that they would grow in understanding how to go on the offensive in our battle against sin.