

Kill or Be Killed

Summitview's Spring Training for Men
Week 5: - April 28th, 2010

ALONE

Spend 5-10 minutes reading Hebrews 10

IN GROUPS

Chapter 9 *"The Dangerous Symptoms of Sin"*

Pick at least three
(35 Minutes)

1. What are "deadly and serious" symptoms of a lust? Is it right for Owen to say that these symptoms indicate that "extraordinary remedies" are required for mortification? Why or why not?
2. What indwelling lusts in your own life have grown rusty and stubborn because they have long continued in ease and in quiet? (go deeper here... these are more than actions)
3. Read Hebrews 10:32-36. When is "recalling the former days" dangerous?

"To apply mercy, then, to a sin not vigorously mortified is to fulfill the end of the flesh upon the gospel of grace."

4. When have you seen yourself (or heard teaching promoting you to) "indulge sin on account of mercy?" What does that even mean?
5. Why is restraint of sin a poor measure of the mortification of sin?
6. Why is fear of punishment a bad motive for the mortification of sin?
7. Why is this statement important? "The evils mentioned (in chapter 9) may ensnare true believers, but do not conclude that because you experience these you are a true believe."

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

Chapter 10 ""

"As God sees greater joy in a believer's graces, He also sees greater evil in the working of their lust and outward sin than in the open, notorious acts of wicked men." - Owen

8. How does the idea that "Every sin and lust will make a little progress in this direction [the hardening of a heart]" affect your approach to sin?
9. Which of the "present evils" of sin [pg 73] is least present in your heart? How can you address that and open your heart to be more affected?
10. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. Have you ever considered that your struggle with a certain habitual sin may be allowed by God to awaken you to a general spiritual coldness in your life? What will happen if this struggle doesn't "admonish us, to humble us, and perhaps chasten and correct us" to deal with the root cause of our sin?

Pray for the man on your right– pray that that which grieves the Holy Spirit would grieve his heart and pray that he would not fall into hardness toward any sin. Pray that his love for Christ would grow.