Rethink Possible

Key Scriptures: Romans 8:5; Romans 8:17-18; 2 Corinthians 11:23-27; Matthew 5:11-12; Romans 8:24; Romans 8:26-28; John 14:26; Acts 8:4

- 1. Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.
 - George Washington Carver found more than 300 uses for the peanut! What is the weirdest use of peanut butter that you've ever seen/heard of?
 - What are the two most important days in your life? (Even if one or both are in the future) Why? Do/will they help to define your purpose in life?

2. Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read Romans 8:5. How would you define the desires of the flesh versus what the Spirit desires? How might your thinking be described? (Example: 60% flesh 40% Spirit? More/less?)
- Read Romans 8:17-18. What present sufferings has Paul faced (1 Corinthians 11:23-27)? What future glory would be worth all of that? What present sufferings have you faced by being a Christian? (Nothing is too small to share... this is not a contest!) What future glory would make you risk more for the gospel? (Romans 8:18)
- Read Matthew 5:11-12. Matthew says, "Great is your reward in heaven". Then, he compares it to the prophets he (and we) read about! Is there an impact your life has on others that will be an example to others? Are you building a legacy that will survive long after you? If not, why?

3. Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Would you agree with this statement, "If you are a follower of Jesus, your primary purpose in life is to introduce others to Jesus"? Why or why not? Is this what Paul would call "to live in accordance with the Spirit"? Why or why not?
- President Theodore Roosevelt said, "Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat." What great moments in history, books, film, or TV come to mind when you think about daring mighty things and winning glorious triumphs? What mighty things is God asking you to dare, and what glorious triumphs is He challenging you to fight for? If none come to mind, why?
- Read Romans 8:26-27. What comfort and hope does this passage give you? Do you need to have everything figured out? Why or why not? What help can you expect? Where does that hope come from?

4. Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

• Pray that God's Spirit guides you toward the mighty things He is daring you to do! Ask that He will give you the strength, the words to say, and the steps to take to get there.

5. Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

• Share with a friend, family member, neighbor, or co-worker the hope that Jesus has brought to your life. Join us at <u>MoU-How To Share Your Faith</u> to help do this!