SCC Small Group Discussion
Full Steam Ahead: WWJD

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Getting Started:

Opener: Who in your life is a model for integrity? Share an example of a time when he or she demonstrated integrity in a situation where it would have been easy to compromise.

Searching the Scriptures:

Read 1 Peter 2:18-21
18 Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. 19 For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. 20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

1. In Charles Sheldon's 1896 novel "*In His Steps",* the narrative centers on a pledge taken by a group of people to not make a single decision for an entire year without first asking: "What would Jesus do?" It sold 30 million copies. The idea of "WWJD" caught the world by storm once again in the 1990's and is now ubiquitous. Why do you think this question is so powerful?

2. Although it is not a perfect parallel, the command to accept the authority of one's master can be applied to our attitude toward employment. How has this been reflected in your own work experiences?

3. Have you ever been challenged in your employment specifically with the thought "WWJD?" over an ethical or relational issue?

4. When facing injustice, Peter reminds his readers of Jesus' sufferings. Suffering for doing good is a virtue. Have you ever had to rely on this truth in a difficult situation?

Read 1 Peter 2:22-25

22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 24 "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." 25 For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

5. How does Jesus' response to suffering in verses 22-23 impress you?

6. What are some of the kinds of suffering early Christians experienced? Can we draw any parallels from our lives to such suffering?

7. Are there any modern-day experiences you have read about or heard of that might be similar to what these Christians experienced?

8. In verse 24, we see that Jesus' suffering enabled us to be healed ourselves. He carried our sins so that we could live for what is right. As Jesus modeled: Suffering for the right purposes brings life and healing. How are you "following in Jesus' steps" when it comes to suffering?

Application

Who from the Bible stands out to you as an example of integrity?

What would you like for people to remember about you and how you lived?

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