

(Simple advice: If you're new to these notes, here's my advice: **Do not be overwhelmed by these notes as another "home school" assignment, or even that you need to "do" all or any of this outline!** This is written to give you good things to enjoy, because look again at what Paul told Timothy (1 Tim 6:17-18)! I think he was thinking of us at the time: **17 Instruct those who are rich in the present age not to be conceited and not to put their hope in the uncertainty of wealth, but in God, WHO RICHLY PROVIDES ALL THINGS TO ENJOY. 18 Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, and to be generous and ready to share...**) The following ice breaker is just a starter for your group. The message comes after the second bar. Please enjoy!)

**CROWD BREAKER: Name one thing that has encouraged you this week. Why did it encourage you? In what ways do you see the times ramping up for His return? Anything new this week?**

**Do you have a testimony from this week? Write the headlines for the coming week. What is going to happen? What will be your response? —The scribe**

Note: Remember: Be good to one another. Be sensitive and kind. Let God heal our hearts...and guide our discussions. **PLEASE PRE-READ THESE NOTES AND CHOOSE THE DIRECTION THAT IS APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR GROUP. Remember the purpose is to unite, not divide; to fearlessly proclaim the freedom the gospel brings. Any part of these notes might be appropriate as a crowd breaker for your own group. The goal is to create memories on Sunday that will serve for a long time. REMEMBER TO BE COGNIZANT OF YOUR GROUP'S TIME AND BE SENSITIVE! Some groups would like to dwell on a single idea. Let the Spirit be your guide. Never feel obligated to complete this study. It's a great devotion, taken slowly through the week.**

Note: I have highlighted suggested discussion questions raised by Pastor Mark's message this Sunday. Let's allow the Holy Spirit to guide all our discussions, using the highlights as trail blazes. **Remember the purpose is to minister to one another.**

Sin nature is expressed like this: the things I want to do I don't do...the things I hate is what I do. **Does this fit your story?**

**Do you remember Molly Mae Washington's testimony? What struck you?** (Co-dependency, PTSD combat related. Greed and sin felt good. Years ago, as an RN she