

Band of Brothers' MVP (Men of Valor and Purpose) Bible Study

"The Man in the Mirror" by Patrick Morley

"Broken Relationships" (chapter 7), November 15th, 2011

1. Morley describes the lifestyle he nearly fell prey to as one that would have him "buy into a network of shallow relationships built on the sole foundation of commercial gain" (p. 110). Do you agree or disagree? Discuss in your group your answers and observations.
2. I LOVED Morley's assessment of how to prioritize the multitude of opportunity & obligation that constantly confront us as men: To do so "on the basis of who's going to be crying at your funeral" (p.110). Discuss this thought at your table. Agree or disagree?
3. Why is the workplace such a draw for most men? Why is it easier for us to sense success in the marketplace than in the homeplace?
4. Our author states "in the pursuit of the good life, most men leave a trail of broken relationships" (p. 110). How does this compare with your experience?
5. If asked the question 'what do you consider your greatest regret in life?' how would you respond? How do your responses compare to the quote "no amount of success at the office can compensate for failure at home"? (p. 111)
6. Describe the "Creation Mandate" and what its impact is upon a man's psyche. Do you see this at work in your own life?

7. Review the following Scriptures. What is the principle they reveal concerning how we are to relate to and care for others?

Genesis 47:12

Luke 10:35

1 Corinthians 10:24

2 Corinthians 8:9

Philippians 2:4-5

8. I truly appreciated Morley's observation of "how we are behind the closed doors of our own private castle is how we really are" (p. 113). Does this observation ring true with you? Why or why not?

9. Based on the above question, what changes might you implement that would help your family?

10. How does your ability to communicate and effort put forth to succeed compare between work and home? Are there noticeable differences between these two spheres? Should there be?

11. Have you been guilty of taking your frustrations out on your wife and/or kids? How can you change this?

12. Discuss the observation that "time is everything in a relationship" (p. 114) and "do my wife and children know I am for them by the way I spend my time?" (p. 115).