



INTRODUCTION

Road blocks! We have all experienced them, especially during summer road construction!! Because we are headed to a particular destination, when we hit a block in the road we either have to follow the detour or turn around and go a different route. As Christians we can also experience road blocks; things that stop us from moving forward with the Lord. Sometimes we need to break through the barriers, and sometimes we need to find a new route. Let's look at God's road map together to see where He wants to take us and how we can avoid or break through the road blocks that may be in the way.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Share a time when you hit a road block in your life that stopped you from getting where you wanted to go. How did you react? What helped you get past it?
2. Read Romans 7:21-25. What do you see in these verses about the struggle between our inner selves and our earthly bodies? What are the road blocks within that struggle?
3. Refer to 1 John 2:15-17. Our culture and society can be a road block to moving forward with God when we try to please the people around us. What barriers to your Christian walk have you observed because of that? What worldly values influence our thinking negatively?
4. We, ourselves, can stand in the way of where God wants to take us. We can allow feelings of shame or fear to overpower us, and let our own insecurities become a barrier. In what ways have you let your emotions, or fear, stand in the way of taking next steps with God?
5. The devil is hard at work strategically placing road blocks in our way. Jesus has won the victory and has given us a powerful tool to avoid and break down barriers. How can we use God's Word to fight against our enemy?
6. Read 1 Peter 1:13-19. What stands out for you from these verses? What is Peter trying to say?
7. There are 3 ways we need to respond to roadblocks: be aware, be active, and be reliant on Jesus. Which one of these 3 do you struggle with the most?

NEXT STEPS

Road blocks are visible, annoying and completely frustrating when we are driving down the road, but are not always so visible in our walk with the Lord. Where do you need to take a next step to address the road blocks in your life? Do you need to become more aware of the road blocks? Is God asking you to be more active in removing the road blocks? Or, do you need to rely more on Him to move the road blocks and do what only He can do?

RENEW YOUR MIND

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession. — 1 Timothy 6:12

