

Sunday, March 3, 2019 - "A Church Without Curtains REMIX - Week 2" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Philippians 1:3-11, Philippians 3:12-13, James 4:10

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- We are a MOSAIC striving to live like Jesus (6 Essentials: Gather, Connect, Serve, Devotion, Generosity, Influence)
- We are in a season of connection (we need all 6)
- Philippians 1:3-11 (Paul writing to his friends to encourage and exhort them)
- 3 Legs for a Stable and Growing Faith
 - 1) **Community** (really what we're after is sacred community) v3-4, 7-8
 - Paul's heart is connection
 - v5 because of your partnership → **Koinonia** = intimate spiritual communion (intimacy & fellowship)
 - This distinguishes between normal and sacred intimacy (we are after sacred community in our c-groups)
 - "You cannot talk faithfully with Jesus in isolation" - D Kempton (even Jesus didn't do it alone)
 - Our tendency when we struggle is to isolate. Carrying each others burdens takes intentionality
 - 2) **Humility** (knowing everything we have, gifts/talents/passions, is from and for God)
 - This is necessary for sacred community
 - Pride says "I got this" Humility says "I need help and I need other people"
 - "Humility will always foster a dependency on prayer" - D Kempton
 - Paul is saying "I need you and you need me"
 - But we have to understand that we are **works in progress** (Philippians 3:12-13)
 - We have to know this about ourselves and about others
 - 3) **Honesty**
 - You can't have this without the other two (you can't have one of these without the other two)
 - Whenever you pretend to be something that you're not, you're being dishonest (James 4:10)
 - We are called to own it when we mess up
 - Adam sinned (in the garden at the beginning) → then he HIDES
- In this season of community, humility, and honesty → we will see the love of God more and more
- We gain INSIGHT (a penetrating vision or discernment, seeing into inner character, seeing the true nature of something) into God's love and who he truly is

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. How is God calling you to live in sacred community?
2. How is God teaching you about humility right now? Where is he calling you to grow?
3. Where and with who is God calling you be honest?
4. How have you seen these three things lead you to a greater understanding of who God is and what it means to walk with Him and others?
5. When was a time where not having one of the legs (community, humility, honesty) prevented you from having the others?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: 1 Kings 21 Tues: 1 Kings 22 Wed: Psalm 51:1-17 Thurs: Isaiah 58:1-12 Fri: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

Songs from the weekend: [This Is Amazing Grace - *Phil Wickham*] - [Everlasting God - *William Murphy*] - [Tremble - *Mosaic MSC*] - [You Know My Name - *Tasha Cobbs*]