

Sunday, July 16, 2017 - "I-Will B: The Solution" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Joshua 24:1-15, Galatians 5:13, 1 Corinthians 9:19, 1 Corinthians 15:58

- 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

- In Nehemiah we learned that we are called to be on mission for the kingdom and that we are called to do it together in unity
- 2 phrases from Nehemiah for the next ministry year
 - 8:1 "All of the people gathered as one man"
 - Common goals
 - Sharing in the mission
 - 6:16 "For they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of God"
 - People will see that God is doing it
 - We will accomplish something together and God will get glory
- 2 things we are launching: 1. Saturday service at Grace in September 2. SOAR Detroit city wide tutoring program
- Joshua 24
 - v1-2
 - God tells the people through Joshua all that he has done for them
 - How they were set free, became God's people, and had an opportunity/place for ministry
 - v14-15 God is saying I have done all of this...therefore....serve me
- The main question becomes, "Are you going to serve God or someone/something else?"
- We face the question every moment of every day: who or what do you serve
- Joshua says, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"
 - This will cost you a lot
 - It requires something of us when we say this
- We were saved to serve (just like the people of Israel)
 - In response to all God has done
 - God basically saying, "I saved you...will you serve me?"
- We don't get to decide if we will serve or not. We WILL serve someone or something, it is only a matter of who or what
- **The life of a servant is a life of radical obedience to the master**
 - It's more than emotion or intention, it requires ACTION
 - We serve the Lord by serving others (Galatians 5:13)
 - The word serve in NT usually referred to being a slave to Christ and one another
 - 1 Corinthians 9:19 "I make myself a slave to everyone...to win as many as possible"
- 1 Corinthians 15:58
- The message para-phrase says "throw yourself into the work of the MASTER"
- That is what we are called to do, and God will use it to make himself know

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

1. Share about a time when you or a group you were a part of accomplished something and people saw that it was God working
2. Have you made the declaration "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"? Why or why not?
3. If you're willing give an example of a time you had to choose between serving God and serving someone or something else?
4. What has serving the Lord cost you? What has it required of you?
5. Would you define your life as a life of radical obedience to the Master? Why or why not?
6. How is God calling you to "throw yourself into the work of the Master"?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

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

Mon: Proverbs 10 Tues: Proverbs 11 Wed: Proverbs 12 Thurs: Proverbs 13 Fri: Proverbs 14

****5 Minutes Reading/5 Minutes Writing/5 Minutes Praying**