

Saturday & Sunday, July 21 & 22, 2018 - "Everyday Saints - Week 7 - Work Within the System" -Gerald Coleman

Key Passages: 1 Peter 3:8-22

- 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

- v8...Peter says "finally"
 - Looking back at the "household code" we learned about last week
 - Household is launching place for mission
- Household = Oikos (FAMILY)
 - We are called to be on mission together as God's family
 - We are adopted and CHOSEN by God to be part of His family (we are all related because of what Christ has done for us)
 - Every household has a family dynamic or culture
- 5 Ingredients for a healthy family culture
 - 1) Unity of Mind
 - NOT unison but more like harmony in music
 - We might not think exactly the same but we think about things centered on the Gospel, the work of the Spirit and the Kingdom of God
 - 2) Sympathy (or compassion)
 - Sharing burdens, being broken when someone else is broken
 - Cared for by one another...spiritual gifts are unleashed and we get supernatural help
 - 3) Brotherly Love
 - Family commitment
 - Committed to one another as brothers and sisters
 - 4) Tender Hearted (greek = good intestines)
 - We feel good on the inside
 - Because of encouragement and kind words (the way we speak to one another)
 - 5) Humble Mind
 - Culture that honors one another
 - Our identity is in Christ so we honor one another as brother and sister
- These ingredients → dynamic culture → the lost experience something that they have never experienced
- When people are transformed, their families and communities are transformed → others can't help but notice and see God
- Mission of God: called to be a blessing (bringing the "good news")
 - Abraham was blessed so all nations would be blessed (
 - Through Jesus we are called to bring the kingdom and healing
 - We are called to unleash heaven everywhere we go (NOT to curse but to bless)
 - If we suffer it's for doing what is right and we become more like Jesus
- What makes you live this way?
 - the WHY
 - Our testimony (we have been blessed to bless in all that we do)

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

1. Of the 5 ingredients for healthy family culture, where is God calling you to grow right now?
2. What has God taught you about having a healthy culture in your home or in your community?
3. Which of the 5 ingredients is the most difficult for you or your community? Why?
4. How has God used you to be a blessing in the past?
5. How is God calling you to be a blessing in your life and community right now?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or message?

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

Mon: 2 Corinthians 2 Tues: 2 Corinthians 3 Wed: 2 Corinthians 4 Thurs: 2 Corinthians 5 Fri: 2 Corinthians 6

Songs from the weekend: All Things Well - Jonathan McReynolds - O Praise the Name - Hillsong Worship - Tremble - Mosaic MSC - Reckless Love - Cory Asbury