

Sunday, January 15, 2017

“The Way of Jesus”

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Key Passages: Luke 17:1-10

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Now would also be a great time to allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday’s message

Main Ideas

- The Father really wants us to learn to live our lives together (We are a body and a community)
 - He loves his church
 - We are redeemed and our sins are separated from us
 - We get to be in covenant with God BUT ALSO in covenant with one another
- The Devil wants to divide us because he hates the oneness we have with God and with each other
- This passage is really about life in the way of Jesus
- Temptations are sure to come
 - Stumbling block = intentional trap designed to see you fall
 - This should stir us up to compassion for our brothers and sisters (we all have a bulls eye on our back)
- We need to be aware of our own hearts and actions (v2)
 - If we’re not careful we can become a tool for the enemy
 - We need to be aware of our role in shaping those who are new to faith (live in ways that push them towards Christ)
 - “Lead us not into temptation” (keep me from the enemy and keep me from myself)
- If your brother sins → Rebuke him...If he repents → Forgive him
 - Again, the devil wants to divide us from God and from one another
 - Sin divides us from one another
 - Rebuke is not about shame or “calling someone out”
 - Like Nathan with David we need wisdom, discernment and the Spirit’s leading to hold each other accountable
 - We also need to ask God to help us be teachable
- Forgiveness is...releasing someone....restoring someone
 - Jesus calls us to radical forgiveness (v4)
 - The goal is NOT perfection, the aim is restoration
- We are called to use the small faith that we have and live into who we are
- We are called to live as the servant (v7-10)
 - Not about being seen/competition/special privileges for doing what we are called to do
 - Everything we do is just a thank you to God anyway
 - We will ALWAYS be indebted to God...so we are called to be faithful

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

1. What comes to your mind and your heart when you think about living our lives together as a body and community?
2. How does the idea of being in covenant with God and especially others affect the way you think about relationships?
3. How are you doing pushing younger believers towards Christ? Explain
4. Do you think your rebukes, when people you love sin, align with Jesus idea of rebuke? Why or why not?
5. Talk about a time or a situation when the Holy Spirit lead you in wisdom and discernment in dealing with someone else’s sin?
6. How are you doing at being teachable?
7. How might God want to grow you in the area of radical forgiveness?
8. How does God want to grow you in how you think about your service to him and others?
9. What is God calling you to or inviting you into as a result of this passage and/or message?

15 Minutes with God Reading Plan - Mon: John 11 Tues: John 12 Wed: John 13 Thurs: John 14 Fri: John 15

5 Minutes Reading/5 Minutes Writing/5 Minutes Praying