

Sunday, January 29, 2017 - "Do You Trust Me?" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Luke 18:18-30

- 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

- God is asking us "Do you trust me?"
- To hear & obey is the mark of a disciple of Jesus
 - Sensing or hearing what God is calling you to do
 - Doing what He has called you to do
- The story of the rich young ruler is NOT a parable but an actual conversation that happened
- The young man had it all: youth, wealth, and influence. He was probably a leader of some sort
- Some things come out better in the Mark/Luke versions of this encounter
 - The young man's passion
 - He humbles himself before Jesus (falls on his knees)
 - He knew Jesus was special
- He asked the Lord, "Lord, what are you asking of me?" or "**What do you require of me?**"
 - This is a story about following Jesus, not following rules
 - When you ask this question, Jesus looks at you and loves you (just like he did in this story)
- Jesus offered the man a once in a lifetime opportunity
 - Sell everything you own and give it to the poor
 - Not teaching that you must take a vow of poverty and sell all that you have
 - BUT we are called to be willing to do what Jesus asks (selling all his things was what he asked the young ruler to do...not necessarily everyone)
 - Come & follow me
 - This would have been a big deal to be picked by a rabbi
 - It would be like leaving what you are doing and changing occupations
 - The young man gets very sad
 - Sad here is the same as when Jesus was in the garden
 - ***When God asks you to sacrifice something IT'S OK to feel sad.
 - Sacrifice should be and is DIFFICULT
- When we ask God, "What do you require of me?" he responds with "Do you trust me?"
- We will all stand in the shoes of the rich young ruler at one point
 - What's **THAT** thing?
 - Are you willing to let it go for God?
- Generosity is where God stretches us to trust him
 - Giving = saying I trust you
 - Sabbath = saying I trust you
- The question becomes, are we willing to ask the same question as the rich young ruler?
 - What do you require of me?
 - And to say, whatever you're calling me to do is better than what I have myself

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

1. Do you think you have wholeheartedly asked God what he requires of you? Explain
2. What are the things that you know God is asking of you that you are not being obedient to do?
3. How would you evaluate your trust in God? What makes it hard to trust Him?
4. When was a time when it was difficult to sacrifice something for the Lord? What did God reveal to you or show you as a result of your sacrifice?
5. How is God currently challenging your generosity (not just money)?
6. 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 21 Tues: 1 John 1 Wed: 1 John 2 Thurs: 1 John 3 Fri: 1 John 4**

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