

Sunday, February 26, 2017 - "The Most Important Subject in the World" - Roc Bottomly

Key Passages: Exodus 34:6-7, Psalm 84:11, Mark 3:28-29

- 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

- The Love of God is the most important subject in the world
- The WAY God loves YOU
- We must FIRST experience His love for us
 - We can only give/reflect what we have received (like the moon)
 - God loved us first
 - He sets us free to love others
- You can tell what you're worth by what someone is willing to pay for you
- The Love of God
 - Most important
 - Most transforming
 - Most difficult
 - It's a work of the Holy Spirit
 - NO ONE loves you the way that God does
- Exodus 34:6-7
 - First time God describes his Love (He describes what He is like)
 - I love tuna salad
 - Moses wants to see God (God says that would be bad BUT I will tell you what I am like)
- God's first word to describe himself + COMPASSIONATE
 - Root of compassion: "womb"
 - Picture: a mother's love for her newborn child
 - **An intense longing to COMFORT, HELP, RESCUE**
- What does it mean for us
 - 1 - God is eager to do us good
 - Take us on a journey through life, delight
 - Devil's Lie: God wants to withhold, ruin our life if we trust him
 - Psalm 84:11
 - 2 - He is willing to forgive (Mark 3:28-29)
 - Completely...to restore and rebuild
 - Iniquity (secret sins)/Transgressions (Pride, no need for God)/Sin (Lying, envy, greed)
 - 3 - God way is to please
 - Knows what it's like to be a human
 - He knows things are hard
- God essentially says to us "If you're happy with how I feel about you, you are safe" - Roc

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

1. What emotions and thoughts come to mind when you think about God's love?
2. If you can, describe what it was like when God's love moved from just your head to your heart
3. What does it mean to you that God is compassionate?
4. When was a time when you were tempted to believe or gave in to the idea that God wants to withhold from you (the devil's lie that Roc talked about)?
5. How does it affect you when you think about the idea that God is easy to please?
6. How would your thinking and life change if you truly believed that God loved you the way a father or mother loves a child?
7. 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: Mark 15 Tues: Mark 16 Wed: Psalm 51:1-17 Thurs: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10**

Fri: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-20

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