

Saturday & Sunday, October 13 & 14, 2018 - "Unsung Heroes - Week 6: The Discipline of Honesty" - Dr. Martin Sanders

Key Passages: 1 Kings 11

- 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

- Ordinary people can become extraordinary
 - People who leave their mark
 - Identify the power of character, honesty, integrity
- Solomon's Narrative (1 Kings 11)
 - What were the deeper issues of Solomon's heart/soul?
 - He didn't follow the Lord completely
 - But he had an example in his father David of what living as King looked like (the bad stuff too)
 - ****We learn from the people who love us and are closest to us****
- Solomon did what he wanted to with very little regard for what was next
- God's intent is always that we return with all of our hearts
- In the Psalms David says "vindicate me for my integrity"....but he had major failings
 - To be a person of integrity doesn't mean you've never messed up
 - David was different from Solomon in that he was willing to change, to turn....to REPENT
- If we're not willing to change and adjust, other people will pay the price (1 Kings 11:11)
- Some narrative principles
 - We are called to build on what we have and have been given, not what we wish we had
 - Repentance as a lifestyle (keeping our confessions current)
 - Check your attitude
 - Return to the Lord with all of your heart
- How does it play out in life
 - Sometimes it's easier to tell a "version" of the truth....be willing to share the whole truth
 - We have to pay attention to the core issues of our should in order to be people character and integrity
 - We have to make some hard decisions and be willing to follow through

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

1. Would you say that your practice the "discipline of honesty"? What does it look like for you?
2. How has God used trusted friends to help you live out the discipline of honesty?
3. Is there an area of your life where God is asking you to return to Him with all of your heart?
4. Have you ever seen someone experience consequence because of your actions or inactions?
5. What decision is God calling you make about the discipline of honesty?
6. How is God calling you to follow up with decisions that you have already made about some of this stuff?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or message?

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

Mon: Genesis 6 Tues: Genesis 7 Wed: Genesis 8 Thurs: Genesis 9 Fri: Genesis 10

Songs from the weekend: [In Jesus' Name - Israel Houghton] - [Your Great Name - Todd Dulaney] - [Praises (Be Lifted Up) - Bethel Music] - [Reckless Love - Cory Asbury]