

Small Group Questions

Week of April 12, 2010

Getting to Know You

1. Do you have a family legacy? What is it?
2. Do you hope to leave some sort of legacy after you are gone?

Getting in the Scriptures

1. What made the disciples so passionate about their preaching? (Read Acts 5: 17-42)
2. Do any of the following describe how you think about God? "I think about God..."
 - ...at least once every day
 - ...several times a day
 - ...only when I need something
 - ...only when I feel guilty
 - ...only when I pray
3. Would you be able to be counted with the disciples when they declare, "We must obey God rather than men!"?
4. What moves you? Does the Gospel move you? If we asked your best friend if you were moved by the Gospel, would they respond as you have?
5. Why are these disciples so moved by the Gospel?
6. Have you been given a legacy of faith? What are you leaving behind to those who will follow after you?
7. What would it take for you to leave behind a legacy of faith?

To Think About This Week

1. Is my relationship with God up to date? Am I talking with him regularly? Reading his word?
2. What "investments" am I making in eternal things that will outlast me?

Carry the Torch

Acts 5: 27-32

Sunday, April 11, 2010

William Wallace: "What will you do without freedom?"

My Question: "What will you do with your freedom?"

- I. "We must obey God rather than men!" (5:29)
 - General disrespect for God
 - Functional Atheism – We live as if God doesn't exist
 - What happened to the scriptural respect for God?
 - Moses @ the Burning Bush
 - Psalms, "The Lord Reigns"
 - Acts 5, Ananias and Sapphira
 - (World View Marketplace - "The Add On Jesus")
 - Judgment
- II. Compelled by the Gospel (5: 30-31)
 - Moved/Changed – Genuine life-changing experience with living God
 - Not Osmosis / emotionalism / external only
 - It shows when no-one is looking (spiritual influence on the church)
 - Seasons our conversations
 - Affects the way we talk and live
 - Counterfeit isn't good enough
- III. Carried the Torch (5: 32)
 - Saw themselves as integral to the perpetuation of the work of Jesus
 - The church is always one generation from extinction
 - (Fumbling the torch, dropping the baton)
 - Where is the next generation of leaders?
 - What are we doing as a church to nurture them?
 - Who of you will step up?

Close

What does "carrying the torch" mean?

- Move relationship with Jesus to priority one
- Embrace the church as God's tool to save the world
- Live like it matters
- (Legacy of Faith) what will you leave behind?