

Sunday, March 31, 2019 - "A Church Without Curtains REMIX - Week 6" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Luke 4:16-21, John 4, 2 Peter 1:3

- 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

- You cannot walk faithfully with Jesus in isolation (you can still be alone in a group. we have to come out of hiding)
- In Luke 4:16-21 Jesus states his purpose/mission
 - If you are a follower of Jesus then you are a priest with work and a purpose
 - Do you believe that you are called and equipped to do something meaningful and profound for God?
- Jesus comes back to his hometown (Nazareth) where he and his reputation would have been well know
- Jesus reads messianic prophecy from Isaiah
 - The people would have thought the time of the Messiah had come but not that Jesus was him
 - Jesus is effectively saying "Because of your unbelief you are going to miss it."
- Jesus lays our his mission
 - To proclaim good news to the poor
 - Physical OR Spiritual poverty? IT'S BOTH
 - Gospel is good news on all accounts and for everything (2 Peter 1:3)
 - Liberty to the captives, sight to the blind, liberty to the oppressed
 - It's physical AND spiritual
 - Jesus came to reconcile all things to himself
 - We can get into trouble when we compartmentalize the spiritual and the physical (justice with the gospel, gospel without sacrificial love displayed through actions)
- John 4: Jesus as a radical conversation (first with a woman and second from samaria - jews were prejudiced against samaritans)
 - He addresses her spiritual and physical needs
 - But she shifts the conversation to theology...from personal to corporate
 - We can depersonalize God into info ABOUT Him
 - God, what are you saying to me?
- The woman becomes an extension of Jesus' message and mission (her testimony to the people in town)
- **His mission is YOUR mission**
 - We are called and anointed to proclaim the good news
 - Physical AND Spiritual
 - As the father sent Jesus, he sends us
 - When we accept this, our lives have meaning and purpose
 - In order to live out this mission we have to come out of hiding and who we were created to be

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

1. Do you believe that you are called and equipped to do something meaningful and profound for God? What does this mean for your life?
2. How have you seen God move in the physical and the spiritual in your own life? In the lives of others?
3. How have you depersonalized God into information about him?
4. What has God been saying to you personally over the past few weeks?
5. What does it mean that Jesus' mission is also your mission? What does it mean/look like for you to be on mission?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

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

Mon: Joshua 5:9-12 Tues: Psalm 32 Wed: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 Thurs: Luke 15:11-32 Fri: Psalm 40

Songs from the weekend:[Glorious - *BJ Putnam*] - [New Wine - *Hillsong Worship*] - [Surrounded (Fight My Battles - *Upper Room*)] - [Praises (Be Lifted Up) - *Bethel Music*]