

Saturday & Sunday, February 10 & 11, 2018 - "Resolve Week 5 - Community" - Gerald Coleman

Key Passages: Ephesians Philippians 3:17-20, Acts 1:1-2, 1 Timothy 1:5

- 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

- Recap: 1) Know Christ 2) Press On 3) Forget the Past (called to throw off everything that hinders us) 4) Keep in Rhythm
- Community → Helps us thrive in our relationship with God
 - We sometimes underestimate community
 - There is a great amount of learning that happens from doing life together
- Philippians 3:17-20
 - Join in imitating me (Paul is not being prideful or saying I'm the next best thing to Jesus)
 - He knows the importance of having a living example
 - The early church had no new testament or persona copy of the Bible
 - we need people who are good examples of what it means to follow Jesus
 - Godly people are signs pointing to the living Christ
- What does community do for us?
 - 1) It Ignites our Passion
 - A passionate faith os contagious
 - Something in me should provoke others to chase after God
 - Others faith/pursuit of God creates a spark in us (Gerald and his friend at the library)
 - 2) Community shows us the way
 - Acts 1:2...all that Jesus taught and did
 - Acts 4:13 the disciples had "been with" Jesus
 - Jesus taught/showed the disciples the way
 - If we don't know how to pray → find someone who knows how to pray and watch/listen to them
 - We don't have to learn it all on our own or figure it all out by ourselves
 - 3) It ignites and builds our faith
 - 1 Timothy 1:5
 - Paul was saying "You've been around the real thing"
 - Here at Grace we get to be around people older than us, peers, and people younger than us
 - God wants to do great things in and through us and has uniquely gifted us so that we need each other
- 3 ways of learning (triangle)
 - Information = reading books, hearing info, taking notes...we put this one on a pedestal
 - Imitation = finding someone that I can apprentice and learn from watching how they do it
 - Immersion = experience, dropping in an environment
 - We need a balance of ALL of these things
- We are called to pursue Jesus together each with our own unique gifting and talents

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

1. Have you ever had someone in your life that you were imitating (in following Jesus or in something else)? What was it like? What did you learn?
2. Talk about a time when someone else or a group of people ignited your passion for following God
3. When was a time when you learned about a specific portion of your relationship with Jesus through someone "showing you the way"?
4. What are the areas in your life right now where you need someone to show your the way?
5. Of the 3 ways of learning (information, imitation, immersion) which one is most natural/common for you? How is God calling you to build more balance in the way your learn?
6. How is God challenging and growing your idea of what it means to be in community?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or message?

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

Mon: 1 Corinthians 15 Tues: 1 Corinthians 16 Wed: Psalm 51:1-17 Thurs: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10 Fri: Matthew 6:1-6,16-21