

Saturday & Sunday, September 1 & 2, 2018 - “One Weird Tribe” - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Acts 2:42-47, Ephesians 4:11-16, 1 Corinthians 4:26

* + 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

* + We’re a “weird” herd
    - God has called us to be a mosaic
    - We are a strange collection of people
  + In the ancient world there was a deliberate class system to control people and distribute power
    - Jesus went against all of that and became a friend of sinners
    - Luke 14:13-14
  + Jesus even gathered a weird tribe
    - A zealot (who wanted to overthrow the government) and a tax collector who worked for the government
    - But for 3 years Jesus taint his tribe to live a different way
  + 2 Questions: Why does Grace need C-Groups? Why should you join a C-group?
  + Herds look after each other and care for one another (ICE AGE clip)
  + Acts chapter two shows how people who were trained directly by jesus did church and life with God (sometimes as generations go by the way people do things changes (Doug’s musky fishing example)
  + Acts 2:42-47
    - They were committed to the breaking of bread and prayers (v42)
      * This was referring to communion (an opportunity to connect with God but also one another)
      * (v46) Breaking bread in homes —> shared meal outside of the temple (connected beyond the large gathering they went to at the temple
  + People were together outside of church —> They came to know one another —> they fell in love and cared for one another
  + When plague ravaged Rome it was the christians who stayed to care for others
    - This is a part of how Rome “became christian”
    - They won the city over with radical love
    - People saw them care for one another and “their good deeds were on everyone’s lips”
  + Why does Grace need C-groups? It’s how the church was designed to care for one another and it’s also how we outreach into our communities
  + Ephesians 4:11-16 —>Everyone brings their gifts to the table to help everyone else
    - WE all need building up, WE all are saints, WE all are the ones who will do the building up
    - C-group becomes an excellent place for all to use the gifts God has given them
  + Why should you be in a C-group?
    - An opportunity to love and be loved with a radical love
    - Using your gifts to build one another up
  + When all the gifts aren’t in play to love and build up, we can’t be all that we are meant to be (Ephesians 4:16)

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

* 1. When was a time God used a group of people to love you radically?
  2. When was a time when you were part of a group that love radically?
  3. How has God used times of breaking bread in homes to strengthen or encourage your relationship with Him?
  4. Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? How are you currently using them?
  5. How can you see yourself using your spiritual gifts in your current group or a future group context?
  6. How is God calling you to build others up with your gifts whether in a c-group or another way?
  7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or message?

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

**Mon: John 1 12 Tues: John 2 Wed: John 3 Thurs: John 4 Fri: John 5**

**Songs from the weekend: [*This Is Amazing Grace* - Phil Wickham] - *[How He Loves* - John Mark McMillan] - [*Great Are You Lord* - All Sons & Daughters] - [*Tremble -* Mosaic MSC]**