

Sunday, December 16, 2018 - "Impact 2018: All In - Week 4" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Acts 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

- Who is God and who am I? This will affect the way we live and it will affect everything
- Truth is freedom and anything else is bondage
- One Word Challenge (begin praying and thinking about your word for 2019)
- Acts 5
 - The first few months following the launch of the church of Jesus
 - Spirit moving/Miracles/Apostles teaching/Thousands added to the church
 - But any time God moves there will be opposition (religious leaders lost power/influence)
- We can read some of these stories and not fully grasp what's going on
 - The disciples would have been thinking "If that happened to Jesus then it could happen to me"
 - But they were bold and they were courageous
 - In Acts 5 they were beaten and the left rejoicing...and never ceased sharing about Jesus (v41)
 - They left their beating with joy - Doug Kempton
 - Rejoicing that they were counted worthy
 - To suffer dishonor for the name of Jesus
- "Get to" vs. "Have to"
 - You can say yes to God's invitations and still miss out on what God has for you - Doug Kempton
 - Acting and serving and loving out of a desire for beauty vs. a sense of duty
 - One sucks life out of you (duty) and one gives you life (beauty)
- This is what made King David different
 - He didn't sacrifice because it was his duty
 - He viewed it as a way to know and experience God
- It is a privilege and an honor to serve God and others
- It will change everything if we start thinking from a "get to" perspective rather than a "have to"
- We get to...
 - Do justice and love mercy
 - Be generous
 - Partner with ministries and partners all over the world that are working for the Kingdom of God

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

1. When was a time when you could sense that there was opposition in your life because God was moving?
2. What has God taught you about being bold and courageous in the midst of opposition?
3. When was a time you had a "have to" mentality? What did God teach you?
4. Give an example of when you had a "get to" perspective. How did the Lord respond?
5. What are some of the things/circumstances/responsibilities in your life where God is calling you to have a "get to" mind set instead of a "have to" mindset?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

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

Mon: James 1 Tues: James 2 Wed: James 3 Thurs: James 4 Fri: James 5

Songs from the weekend: [One Thing Remains - *Bethel Music*] - [Hark - *Hillsong Worship*] - [Joy to the World - *Hill-song Worship*] - [Refugee King - *Liz Vice*] - [Brick by Brick - *Liz Vice*] - [Great Are You Lord - *All Sons & Daughters*]