

Activity Accomplishment

Group Discussion Questions

May 27th , 2007

Big Picture

- Jim asked a very important question this weekend in regards to all of our activity. "Are the things we are doing accomplishing what we hope they will?"
- The other side of that question is, "are the things we are doing actually harming our hopes and dreams for our lives and those we love?"

Talk Amongst Yourselves

Jim said that "God's forgiveness doesn't nullify the consequences of our actions here on earth". Agree or disagree?

Why do you think Jesus talked more about the "here and now" as opposed to heaven?

Jim said that we as people often do destructive things then get angry with God for the painful results of our own actions. Agree or disagree?

Jim said that its through the "storms that hit our lives that the foundation we have built our lives on get revealed". How have you seen that truth play itself out in your life or others?

Read Matthew 7:24-27. What would you say is the key phrase or main point of this passage?

Finding Ourselves in the Story

The first major question Jim asked this weekend was, "what are you counting on?" In other words, "what's your foundation?"

If love = provision and protection what's the most loving foundation you can build for your life?

In what ways have you found yourself counting on the wrong things or building a "sandy" foundation in your life?

Who are the people in your life that watch you and follow you?

Read Mark 6:34. Why do you think we are so often compared to sheep in the Bible?

Who are you shepherding?

What storms have come in your life?

Who watched you walk through those storms and what do you think they learned about you?

Think About It

The second major question Jim asked this weekend was "What are you teaching?" Every one of us have people in our lives that are looking at us and asking the question, "is that the way to live".

In what ways do the questions we ask communicate value to those we are teaching/setting an example for?

In what ways do the questions you ask your children communicate their value?

In what ways did the questions your parents asked you shape your perception of your value to them?

In what ways do the decisions you make communicate what's most important to you?

Make a Shift

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock".

What are some things we need to start practicing in light of the fact that storms will come?

Ask three people who know you best to answer this question for you: "What do you think I care about most in my life based on my activities?"

Do those answers reflect what is **most** important in your life?

Closing Thought

Jim asked a very tough question this weekend in closing. "If a storm hit your life right now, would you stand?". If a storm came right now what kind of foundation would be revealed?

Do you feel like you are hitting yourself in the head with a hammer? Constantly frustrated with the results of your actions? Then maybe its time to stop doing the things that harm us and the relationships that are most important to us.