



Tailgate... Authentic Community

Attendee Questions

July 21st & 22nd

Big Picture

We all are heading somewhere...and we'll all end up somewhere...the question we've had answered is...no, we're not there yet...but we have an opportunity now to make some changes or adjustments in our lives today which will have huge repercussions about where we end up. None of us want to wake up 5 miles or 20 years from now and say, this isn't what I wanted, this isn't what I thought my life would look like, this didn't end up where I thought it would...I wish I would have done it different. And sometimes, it's not just a lot different...sometimes, it's just a little difference now makes a huge difference down the road.

Talk Amongst Yourselves

1. We're halfway through our series on our values. Can you name the first two values and what they mean?
 - a. Biblical Authority... The Bible is God's life-map to be followed. Jesus said, "follow me" as Jesus followed the Word of God. Not only do we believe the Bible is true, we believe that it is a better way to live and we voluntarily place ourselves under it's authority to direct our lives.
 - b. Relational Intimacy...We are saved by grace through faith. Intimacy with God is made possible, not by works, but by the gift of forgiveness (grace) given to us through what Jesus did for us in paying our debt on the Cross. We can call God our Father and have a relationship with him.

2. How does Jesus say that people will know that you are a follower of Jesus? (John 13)page 748 FCC Bible
*If you love one another, if you treat others like Jesus treats you.
3. Jim shared the story of his father who grew up in an abusive home but was invited into a loving home and it changed the course of his life. Is there a time in your life where someone shared their life with you and it made a difference?

Finding Ourselves in the Story

1. List the most significant relationships in your life (family, friends, etc.). Currently, would you describe these relationships as...
 - a. Crucial in my following of Jesus?
 - b. Helpful in my following of Jesus?
 - c. Insignificant/irrelevant in my following of Jesus?
 - d. Discouraging in my following of Jesus?
2. How would you describe your spiritual influence on the people you mentioned in question #1? How could you become more of a positive, spiritual encourager in the lives of these people? What do you believe Jesus may be telling you to do? What would keep you from doing it?
3. Can you think of a time in your life where your life was “swerving” and someone stepped in and “spurred you on” to do the right thing? How did you respond to them? Why would you listen or not listen to a person who was trying to help you?

Think About It

Why does James write that genuine faith is always accompanied by action? (James 2:15-18)page 837-838 FCC Bible

Make a Shift

Jim spoke about how we have to “want” community. He suggested we “serve” and we will plug ourselves into community.

Closing Thought

Other than the promise of God’s love and forgiveness, what is it that you believe you need to help you live the life God wants you to live? Do you have the Authentic Community we talked about this weekend? If so, describe how it helps. If not, what is keeping you from getting it?