

SCRIPTURES FOR 2/11/07 LIFEGROUP LESSON

Luke 6:46-49

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."

Matthew 9:4

Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts?"

Matthew 7:13-14

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

NOTE TO LEADER: There is a lot of material here. Familiarize yourself with it so you know which stuff you are most comfortable with and what you will cut if you get short on time. Try to keep the lesson/discussion 20-30 minutes in length. Good luck and let me know if you have any questions. - Ed

NOTE TO LEADERS: All items in *italics* are for your information and not designed to be read aloud.

OPENING:

ICEBREAKER or GET YA THINKIN' QUESTION: _____

OPENING PRAYER NOTES: _____

INTRODUCTION:

This week, Jeff continued his discussion on the necessity of lordship & the consequences of not submitting to it. Jeff shared a time when he got a ticket for not wearing a seatbelt. Even though it was the cop who wrote the ticket, Jeff accepted responsibility.

- Q: Are we willing to do the same when we break God's law? Isn't it God's fault you failed since He made the law?
- Q: How does forgiveness come into play here? Should the cop have let Jeff go since he was a pastor? If not, why not?
- Q: Can we just do what we want and then just say we're sorry later? If not, why not?

DIG DEEPER:

(Have someone read Luke 6:46)

- Q: Jesus asks this question, but is it rhetorical?
- Q: He seems surprised at our behavior, but is He literally surprised?

(Have someone read Matthew 9:4)

Here is another question, but preceded by an acknowledgment that Jesus already knew the answer.

- Q: Is it actually possible to surprise Jesus? Does this matter to the point of Jeff's sermon?

APPLICATION:

(Have someone read Luke 6:47-49)

- Q: What do you think this means to you in your day-to-day life? Are there times when you have not followed Him and the torrent got the best of you? Example?

Many people would say Jesus' words are the foundation, others would say the practice of them.

- Q: What do you say? One or the other? Is one more important?

Jeff shared three types of obedience that you see today: Selective, Situational, and Partial.

- Q: What do these terms mean? (*selective – obeying some things and not others / situational – obey under certain circumstances / partial – obey this part but not that one*) Examples?

Jeff shared a quote that basically said, "Those who profess the Scripture are bound to its blessings, but those who do not are bound to its consequences."

- Q: How do you think these "versions" of obedience affect our foundation? Are these effects the "consequences" Jeff mentioned?

CONCLUSION

(Have someone read Matthew 7:13-14)

- Q: Even though it can be quite difficult, are you willing to live what you believe? What are your immediate challenges in this area?

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

GROUP NEEDS: _____ SHUT-IN MINISTRY: _____

WHO'S LEADING...

THIS WEEK: WORSHIP: _____ PRAYER: _____

NEXT WEEK: WORSHIP: _____ PRAYER: _____