

For Everyone: Demo Day

Luke 5:12-27

Small Group Questions February 23, 2019

Getting Started:

1. Men who went to the retreat...how did God speak into your life this past weekend?
2. Have you ever done a Re-model of your home or a room in your home?
 - a. Once you got behind the walls did you run into problems? If so, what were they? Rot, mold, termites, etc.?
 - b. What did you have to do about the problem you discovered? Was there any way you could have just covered up the problem and remodeled over it? Why or why not?

The Big Idea:

In the show, 'Fixer-Upper' Chip Gains always acted like an excited little kid...especially when it was Demo Day. The bible tells us that Jesus is as excited about bringing 'Demo Day' into our own lives; meaning he wants to Demo the way we see our sin. Jesus wants us to see the rot and mold behind our image so that He can rebuild us into His glorious image. The problem is our flesh acts like the Building Department (For all our contractor friends) making it hard and sometimes impossible to get a permit to do the work. We struggle to own that we're 'That Bad.' God wants us to allow for Demo Day so we can experience the joy of 'Reveal Day' as we are re-built into His image.

Digging Deeper:

3. Talk about what it must have been like in Jesus' day to be a leper.
 - a. What were the physical struggles?
 - b. Emotional, spiritual & societal struggles?
 - c. Read Luke 5:12-16. Why was that leper in a town?
 - d. How do you think people around him respond to his presence?
 - e. What was Jesus' response?
4. In what ways are we like a leper or a paralytic? (See Isaiah 1:4-6)
 - a. Do you see yourself as a leper? (Read II Cor. 5:15)

- b. What is at the very core of our sin nature?
- c. How does our nature make it hard to own just how sinful we are?
- d. What does it mean to 'Own' your sin?

5. (Read Luke 5:17-26)

- a. Why is religion such a dangerous thing spiritually speaking?
- b. What did Pastor Glen mean when he said the Pharisee in each of us is activated when we resist owning our sin nature?
- c. Is it possible to have known Christ for decades and still have a religious spirit?
- d. How does the denial of one's sin nature generate a religious spirit? (Ex. "I sinned" rather than "I'm a sinner")

6. (Read Luke 7:36-50) How does verse 47 discuss our love for God being measured through our appreciation for how bad our sin is?

- a. Discuss how our ownership of how bad our sin disease is leads to joy and freedom.
- b. In what ways do you struggle to own your sin nature?

Making it Real:

Spend time praying for each other in this area.