Life Team Notes

**Ekklesia: Church Blueprint - week of 10/1**

**Hang**

* Do you ever do things to help people that others do not see? Explain a time.
* Why do it?
* Do you ever wish someone had seen it? Why?

**Hear**

* This past Sunday we looked at 1 Timothy 5 it dealt with caring for others and caring for you pastor. Was there anything that stood out, confused, or got you thinking?

**FOUR - things to remember from Sunday**

1. **We are treat each other as family.**

1 Timothy 5:1-3, Ephesians 2:19-22

* What are your thoughts on this?
* Does that mean something special to you? Why?
1. **We are to live out our Christian life at home first**

1 Timothy 5:7-8

* What does this look like?
* Is this easy or hard to do for you? Why?
1. **Church does not have to do everything – you can do it.**

1 Timothy 5:16

* Why do you think people rely on churches to do everything so often?
* Is this freeing or scary? Why?
1. **It is important to care for your pastor**

1 Timothy 5:17-18

* Have you ever thought this was important? Why, why not?
* What are the ways the bible says to take care of your pastor?
* Do you think you / we are good at that? Why, why not?
* Are pastors perfect? No
* Are they to held accountable? Yes

Pastor Ted end with asking four questions we want to talk about tonight. Let’s take a look at the questions and discuss how we can further our health.

**FOUR QUESTIONS**

1. **When no one is looking am I still living an honorable life?**

Galatians 6:9-10

1. **Am I generous or stingy?**
* Do you consider yourself stingy or generous? Why?

Luke 12:22-34, 2 Corinthians 8:6-9, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

* How did those verse instruct us about living generous lives?

God tells us that generosity isn’t dependent on a large bank account, but rather on an accurate perspective of our possessions and the role they play in advancing God’s Kingdom.

1. **Do I tend to believe the best or worst in others?**
* How often do you jump to conclusions about others?
* Do you have an example when it did not turn out very good?

It’s no secret that seeing the best in others can, at times, be a challenge. David gives us an amazing example of seeing the best in others as Saul, his King, after several attempts to take his life. David again and again chose to honor God bu honoring his authority.

1 Samuel 24:4-7, 1 Samuel 26:8-11

* Do you think it was hard for him? Why, why not?
* Why do you think David was able to do this?

Romans 13:1-6, Hebrews 13:17

* How does this verse speak to the issue of difficult leaders?
1. **Is my focus on God or man?**

Keeping our focus on God is important. Whenever we begin to place our trust and focus on the spiritual leaders instead of God, we’ll eventually be disappointed.

* Why do you think some people idolize leaders?
* Have you ever been disappointed by a Christian leader?
* Have you ever found yourself angry at God for the failings of His servants?
* Are you helped by your spiritual leaders or are you dependent upon them?

Acts 17:11

* What does this verse tell us about how to respond to leadership?
* How can we make sure to keep our eyes on Jesus when it comes to church leadership?
* Pray for your pastor and their family
* Encourage your pastor in word and writting
* Remember they are humans in need of grace just like you

Watch and discuss – [www.pastorserve.net/practical-ways-to-encourage-your-pastor/](http://www.pastorserve.net/practical-ways-to-encourage-your-pastor/)

**Home**

Read these two stories - Samuel 24:1-7, 1 Samuel 26:1-25

* Do you think it was easy for David? Why, why not?
* Would you have been able to do that?
* What can you learn from David to help you see and believe the best in others?