**Life Team Bible Study**

For the week of April 2 – Jesus Unfiltered week 9

**Hang**

* Although it seems like we spend a lot of time waiting – in traffic, at the DMV, in a doctor’s waiting room – for most of us waiting is not something we enjoy or are good at. In what situations do you find it hardest to wait?
* If you were asked to take inventory of your possessions, what three things would you put at the top of your list as being most important to you? What things would be at the bottom of your list?

**Highlight**

* Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

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**2 Peter 3:8-9, Romans 5:3-5**

* What purposes do those passages suggest for why God has us wait?
* What is the greatest thing we learn when we wait on God? (trust)
* Psalm 13 is the prayer of a person who is familiar with waiting. What can you learn from this Psalm about waiting on God?

**Psalm 13:1-6**

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**1 Chronicles 29:10-17**

* What principles do you see in that passage that tell us about who the real owner of everything you have is?

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

* How does that expand the idea of God’s ownership and what God ultimately wants us to do with what he has given us?

OPTIONAL: Pastor talked about God not being there to serve us or fulfill our agenda.

**1 Samuel 4:1-11 -** we find the Israelites expecting him to do just that. This story deals with the Ark of the Covenant, which to them was a symbol of God’s presence and power. Over time, they began to believe that the physical presence of the Ark would cause God to bail them out of any situation they had gotten themselves into.

* What’s surprising about what happened in this story?
* Can you think of any examples of how we expect things from God or expect him to work in certain ways that in reality he has not promised us?

**Five Big Questions? - From Sunday**

**1. Who do you say Jesus is?** (Our relationship to God hinges on this)

Matthew 16:15-16

* Ask the group – have different people answer?
* Why do you think this is so important?

**2. Is God truly your master?** (Or is he God in name only)

Matthew 22:37-38

The religious people who were trying to always attack Jesus authority, knew God only by name, by church, and by rules. God was not their Lord (master).

* How do you think it is possible to know God by name only?
* What are some examples?

**3. Who owns your vineyard (life)?** (Do you recognize the owner of all)

Luke 20:13-16, Philippians 2:3-4, Mark 8:36

* Many spend their whole lives trying to attain success for themselves, is there a problem with that?
* What do those verses tell us about life and this world?

**4. Do you fear people more than God?** (The reason many reject Jesus)

Luke 19:19 - At the end of the parable.

Their problem: they heard the truth – understood it,

but they feared people more than they feared God.

* How do you honestly answer this question? How is it proved?

**5. Would you rather be broken or would you rather be crushed?**

Luke 19:17-18

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* What do you think that means?
* How does God break us?

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* Discuss the meaning of this verse.
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