Life Team Notes

**Road Map week or 5/14 – Following God’s Will**

**Hang**

* What’s your first response to the statement that as a follower of Christ you are called to -  “deny yourself”?
* What might be some examples of being willing to “deny yourself”

… at work? … with your friends?  … at home?

* Can you think of a time you saw someone sacrifice their personal preference to serve another or to stand up for what was right no matter the cost (beside your mom or dad)?
* 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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* Uncomfortable
* Unpopular
* Incredibly painful
* Which one do you think is the most difficult for you?
* What do you think is the hardest part about following God’s map?

**Hear**

Matthew 16:24, Luke 9:23-24, Mark 8:34

* What comes to mind when you hear these verses?

Luke 14:26-27, Matthew 10:38,39, John 12:25-26

* What comes to mind when you hear these verses?
* Wat do you think they mean?

Denying ourselves to follow Jesus can be no small challenge, as we heard this weekend. What hope do the following verses give that living a life based on God’s map instead of our own is well worth it?

Matthew 5:16, 1 Peter 2:12, 2 Corinthians 2:14-15,

* Can you think of a time in your life when the truth of these Scriptures came alive because you did the tough thing? If so, explain.
* Which one would you say is most important to you?

This week we heard Ted say that it’s important to take a serious look at what we’re allowing on our map and in our life. The apostle Paul makes a similar statement to the church of Ephesus, speaking not only of things to stop but also of things that need to be done.

Ephesians 4:29-5:3 & 5:15-16

* As your read discuss what Paul tells the Ephesians to stop and start doing.
* Can you think of any examples of God working in your life that made you stop or start one of the items Paul stated?

For many, denying ourselves to follow Jesus isn’t just a matter of not wanting to, it’s a matter of not understanding how and what it takes.

* Based on the following verses – what encouragement does God give us to continue living “off the map” for him?

Matthew 11:28-29, Galatians 2:20, Romans 8:5

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Prayer Requests:

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