**Life Team Notes – Week of 2-9-20 - A Different Approach**

**Get to know you**

* What was the funniest thing you ever saw happen to someone?
* What would you have done if it was you?
* What is the most embarrassing thing you ever experienced?
* What made it so embarrassing?

Sunday, we talked about living a life that begs a question. For those who were there - thinking back to this past Sunday was there anything that particularly challenged, encouraged, or caught your attention?

* Do you remember the Revival Sandwich?

**Live it / Love them / Tell them / Live it**

* Which one is the most important?

Trick question – they are equally important. All four need to be present

**If you are a Christian, you most likely were told about Jesus. How did you first hear about Jesus? Share…**

* Who was the person that told you? What was your initial response?
* How did they share it and how did that affect the way you heard it?

**1 Peter 3:15-16, Colossians 4:5-6**

* Reading those verses what stands out to you about sharing your faith? How are we supposed to treat people?

**A few stand outs from those verses**

1. Be ready – How can we be prepared and ready?
2. Be willing – Who are we to be ready to tell?
3. Be hopeful – How is the message of Jesus hopeful?
4. Be simple – We have a simple message, what is it?
5. Be Patient and respectful (kind and considerate) - How can we do this? Give examples.
* Why do you think that it is sometimes embarrassing to talk about God?
* Can it sometimes be intimidating to talk about Jesus to others? Why?

**Romans 1:16-17**

* What does that verse mean? How would you describe that passage?

**Let’s break it down**

16 For I... - **It starts with me!!** God stir in me - spark in me - remind me.

...am not ashamed - **I quite being quiet.**  I am not - will not - be silent

...of the gospel, - **it is good news!**

Life Changing Breaking News that transforms everything!

* What's the good news of Jesus?

...because it is the power of God - **It does not bring power - it is power!!!!**

* Power for what?

...that brings salvation - that breaking news is power to save!

* Saved from what? from sin, self, shame, and separation from God

...to everyone - **Anyone - race - tribe - stature** – prejudices are a sin

* Does this exclude anyone? Is anyone too far for God?

...who believes: - Wholly continually trust in – **keeps trusting in**

It is not a prayer or a ticket to heaven - this is a call to trust and follow Jesus.

...first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. (Gentile means anyone not Jewish by race)

* What do you think that means? Simply means that Jesus came to fulfill the word of God to the people chosen to be His vessel (the Jewish people – his people) first, then it was to go to rest of the world...

**He told his family first – then the world.**

We have a mission in our home first.

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**BC (Before Jesus)**

* What was my life like before Jesus?
* When did I realize that I needed Jesus?

**HC (How Jesus)**

* How did I commit my life to Jesus?

**AC (after Jesus)**

* How has Jesus changed my life since that day?

Pastor Ted talked about being ready to share your 2-min testimony,

Take 5-10 min for everyone to write out your simple 2-minute Testimony.

Then take turns sharing your 2-min testimony with each other. If you are not a Christian, if you feel comfortable, share where you are spiritually right now.

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