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to involve oneself or become occupied; participate: *engage in conversation*

Sunday, August 30, 2009

“FULL SPEED AHEAD” Part 3 of 4

SERMON TITLE:
“Reach & Restore”



Personal Prayers

1. Start your small group time off with prayer.
2. Ask for personal prayer request. In other words, have group members share request about them, not friends or family members.
3. Do the same for praises.

Impact List

Have 2-3 people share about people from their impact list.

1. What is the next step in their friendship with that person?
2. How can your small group pray for them?

Close to God

1. Have 2-3 people share what is happening in their “Close to God” time.
2. How have they grown closer to God?
3. How can your small group pray for them?

MAIN POINT / PASSAGES

- ▶ *If you don't have a passion to reach people, you don't have a passion for Christ. /Matthew 9:12,13; 23:13-15; Luke 16:24; 19:10*

SUNDAY REVIEW

- ▶ What insight, principle, or observation from Sunday did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

STARTING QUESTIONS

- ▶ Did you think that Pastor Stu's apology was necessary? Why/why not?
- ▶ Do you believe there is a correlation between the religious leaders in the New Testament and Christians today? Why or why not?
- ▶ Has the church hindered people (Christian or non-Christian) from seeking a true relationship with God, void of rules and rituals?
- ▶ As followers of Christ, how do you handle the main passages (see above) Pastor Stu read? With conviction, guilt, passion, burden?

DIGGING DEEPER

(Some questions in this section are taken from the Serendipity Bible for Groups)

- ▶ Read Colossians 4:2-6
 - In the context of restoring communities, what role is played by prayer? By watchfulness? By Thankfulness? Open doors? Chains? Opportunism? Graceful or salty conversations?
 - What do these instructions say about how Paul lived his life?
 - How did Paul view those who were outside or inside the church?

APPLICATION

- ▶ Pastor Stu asked us to answer the following questions:
 - Who have you invited to church lately?
 - Who am I currently mentoring on a regular basis?
 - Who are 3 people on my impact list I want to influence for Christ?
 - When last have I had a spiritual conversation with a non-Christian?
 - What am I doing to intentionally put myself around more non-Christians?
 - What ministry or organization outside of County Line am I giving my time to in hopes of restoring people?
 - Other than County Line's Faith In Action Sunday, how long has it been since I've helped someone in need?
- ▶ How can you work on these 7 questions as a Life Group? To encourage and hold one another accountable? Pray before you answer!



Restoring our communities with Christ... one life at a time