

Series: Simple Faith
Message: Simply Serve

October 7, 2012

If you FOLLOW JESUS, you have a MINISTRY!

Matthew 4:18-20; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; 1 Peter 4:10-11

What it takes to bear LIFE CHANGING FRUIT:

Colossians 1:24-3:2

God's PERSPECTIVE.

Colossians 1:24-25 & 2:1; Matthew 20:20-28; 1 Corinthians 9:19-27; Hebrews 13:1-3

God's MESSAGE and METHODS.

Colossians 1:25-28; 3:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:7, 11-12; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

God's GOAL.

Colossians 1:28-2:3; Matthew 28:19-20; 1 John 2:3-5

God's POWER.

Colossians 1:29; Ezekiel 36:26-27; Romans 15:13; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; Galatians 3:1-5

Everyday God wants us to SIMPLY SERVE.

Colossians 3:22-25

Food for Thought

For the week of October 7, 2012
(Questions and Scriptures for Life group study)

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Tell about a time someone served you in an unexpected way?

Share one opportunity you took this last week to serve someone?

When you think of "ministry" what are some of the thoughts, images, people, or ideas that come to mind? (positive or negative?)

DIGGING DEEPER

It's pretty amazing to think that God chooses to use us to make a difference in this world. How do the following verses help us further understand both our role and God's role in this process?

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

1 Peter 3:13-17

John 4:27-42

Read Ephesians 4:11-16. Here Paul gives us a picture of what the church looks like when it focuses on the God's goal with his message. According to this passage as well as your experience so far at Real Life:

What are some of the obstacles that can get in the way of our spiritual growth both individually and as a church family?

What knowledge and actions are called for in order to see a healthy church grow?

Is there something in this passage that you could apply in your own life to help our church family grow and mature?

In what way is God using you to simply service those in your family? Those in the Real Life community? At your workplace? Your community?

Take a few minutes every morning this week to pray and ask God to open your eyes to the ministry he has before you as you begin your day.

Fall Life Groups

Our Life Groups help promote spiritual growth and maturity in the Real Life community through the development of significant Christian relationships centered on the study of God's word. (Hebrews 10:24-25 & Romans 8:29)

SHARING Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include some planned "sharing questions". But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal, as our group feels safer and more comfortable.

STUDY Each week we'll study a portion of God's word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon. Our goal is to learn how to apply and live out our Christianity in our day-to-day experiences and relationships.

SUPPORT Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (see John 15:9-13). This care will take many forms such as prayer, listening, meeting needs, encouraging and even challenging one another as needed. We also have ongoing Bible Studies available at Real Life: See the calendar at www.seekreallife.com for details.

Prayer requests: