

SERMON BASED CURRICULUM



Date & Sermon Series:

April 11/12, 2015; One Little Yes

Speaker:

Pastor Joel Schmidgall

Scripture Focus: Haggai 1: 2-8

Note To Leaders:

This weekend we discussed saying “yes” to priorities. These questions provide a framework to prompt or foster discussion. Don’t feel you have to use all or any of these questions and you don’t have to make it to the end! Use the questions that best fit your group and let discussion flow.

Icebreaker Suggestions: Pastor Joel shared the story of proposing to his wife Nina, complete with a picture of a gift he gave her – a shirt with a picture of his face on it! What is the best gift you’ve ever received? Bonus points if it’s as awesome as a face-shirt.

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What thoughts are still resonating with you from the sermon?
2. What was most encouraging or challenging about this weekend’s message?
3. To what in your life do you need to say “one little yes?”

Specific Questions:

1. Pastor Joel shared that saying “yes” is a beginning point, not an ending point. He further shared that “yes isn’t singular in nature, it’s a resounding yes that echoes every day.” Have you ever said a “yes” that was ongoing? If so, what was that “yes” and what impacts, or ripples, have you seen?
2. Pastor Joel stated that some of us don’t need a new revelation today; we need a consistent reminder of what he’s already placed in our hearts. If you’re honest with yourself, do you need a new revelation or a consistent reminder? If you need a consistent reminder, what consistent reminder do you need? What actions could you take now to start responding in obedience?

3. Pastor Joel stated that, “You don’t find time for priorities, you make time.” What in your life do you need to make time for? How might you go about doing so?
4. This weekend we were told that you can tell what someone’s priorities are by looking at their schedule and their bank statement. What would yours say about you? If it’s not a reflection you like, why not? What changes do you need to make to make your schedule or bank statement reflect your true priorities?
5. Do you relate to the statement, “Busyness is our badge of honor in DC?” Why or why not? If you relate, why do you think this is? Do you agree this is something that should be changed? Why or Why not?
6. What have you prioritized before the Lord that is purely out of selfishness? How can you go about changing this?
7. Pastor Mark has stated before that when you’re climbing the ladder of success, it’s important to make sure your ladder is against the right building. Do you relate to this statement? Why or why not? Have you experienced a time where you’ve realized you were climbing the ladder of success against the wrong building? Are you doing so now? If so, is there anything you can do to take steps toward “moving your ladder?”
8. Is God central to your life, your top priority, or neither? What position of authority would you like for Him to take? What steps could you take now to make adjustments if needed? If you don’t need to make adjustments, what practices do you need to continue?

Challenge:

Read & Pray: Pray through Matthew 6:33 and reflect on what you need to prioritize in your life.

Act: Pastor Joel shared a story about a friend of his who was given months to live and spent that time realizing that, “God doesn’t just change the way you see yourself, he changes the way you see everyone and everything around you.” Pastor Joel then challenged everyone to put themselves in his friend’s shoes and imagine if you only had a short time left, what is the one thing, one priority, one little yes that God has called you to pursue? Spend some time reflecting on this and ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to walk in obedience in whatever the Lord is calling you to pursue.