

SERMON BASED CURRICULUM



Date & Sermon Series:

May 30/31, 2015; A Trip Around the Sun

Speaker:

Pastor Michael Hall

Scripture Focus: Psalm 73:26

Note To Leaders:

This weekend Pastor Hall discussed how God “took a broken life and put it back together.” 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: The phrase, “a trip around the sun,” is the way Pastor Mark refers to a year. Make up your own phrase to describe one year.

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. What do you think God is teaching you during this “trip around the sun?”

Specific Questions:

1. Pastor Hall spoke about how he is a “result of reconciliation; God took his broken life and put it back together.” Is this a sentiment you can relate to? Why or why not?
2. When discussing some of his “trips around the sun,” Pastor Hall stated that older people can “tell us where the potholes are and the bridges were.” Have you ever experienced a time where you ignored a warning about upcoming “potholes,” or a time where you avoided something potentially bad because of heeding a warning about them? What, if anything, did you learn from those experiences?
3. John 3:16 states, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” Pastor Hall read this then commented that, “love makes us give.” Do you agree with this assertion? If so, what is something that love has made you give? Or something you’ve

received because of love?

4. Pastor Hall said, “God has a special plan for your life. You’re not just *anybody*, you’re *somebody*.” Do you believe this? Why or why not?
5. Pastor Hall stated that when he was younger, only the great moments mattered to him. But now as he’s had more “trips around the sun,” even the small things matter because they were created by a God who loves you and me. Can you think of a time when you took a moment to appreciate something “small?” What was the outcome of that?
6. Do you relate to the idea that, “whatever you’re going through, God’s going through it with you?” Describe a time when you knew the Holy Spirit was with you.
7. Romans 8:28 states, “and we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Looking back, can you remember a time when despite how it might have seemed at the time, all things worked for good? What, if anything, did you learn from that experience?

Challenge:

Read & Pray: Pray through Romans 8:28 and reflect on the times God has worked for your good.

Act: Pastor Hall shared that he begins each morning with a prayer asking God how he is going to do something with him and through him that day. This week, start each day with that same prayer and pay attention to the opportunities that become available and the ways in which God works through you.