

Study Guide- Sunday May 18th, 2014
Legacy-Who's Name

The purpose of this study guide is to be a tool for ABF and small group leaders to follow the sermon series with their group. We encourage you to use this guide as a starting point. Feel free to expand and facilitate discussion based on what's best for your group. Our goal is that leaders will use this guide to make wholehearted followers of Christ by going deeper and applying it for life change in their group.

We are continuing the sermon series called "LEGACY."

What did you take away from last week's message on legacy?

- Did you identify things that distract you from growing your devotion to Jesus?
- How can we go about making sure we are putting Christ first in all things?

The scripture for this Sunday is Psalm 115:1, Mark 14:3-9

What spoke to you after hearing this week's message?

Read Psalm 115:1 together.

Define the word glory.

- Praise, attention, fame, recognition, credit for something, character traits communicated, awards..

What does this text communicate to us about God?

- He is due all glory, He is worthy because of His love and faithfulness

What does this text communicate to us about mankind?

- Glory is not for mankind to receive, Only God can perfectly show steadfast love and faithfulness.

Pastor Carlos asks the question, who are we building a name for, giving glory to; God or ourselves. According to Psalm 115:1, why is God trustworthy of receiving glory?

Read Mark 14:3-9 together.

After reading this text, why does Jesus say "what the woman has done is a beautiful thing?"

In other words, what do her actions in this passage communicate?

- The value she sees in Jesus.
- Nothing in this world has more value than Christ.
- How does this compare to the verses found in Matthew 13:44-45?

In verse 9 of this text, why do you think Jesus connected the gospel with what the woman did for Him?

What is significant about the woman's name in this passage?

- No name given

As you think about your name, think about it in two ways: One it is an identifier. It is the name that you were given. You are identified by a name. Second, it communicates some kind of reputation. When people hear your name, what do they first think of?

Can you give examples of people in your life who genuinely live for God's glory and not their own? What characteristics in their life reveal that is true?

How does that contrast with those you know seeking their own glory? What characteristics are communicated about their life?

- When a person's motive is to bring praise to themselves, it drives emotions, responses, and actions.

Why is there freedom when we live for God's glory and not our own?

- If we are seeking our own glory and do not receive praise there is typically a sinful or negative response.
- Think of people who receive a lot of praise, recognition. What typically is the outcome?

What has to change in your life so that God will receive glory? Or how can you put Christ first and make Him known everyday? As a teacher, a home maker, a businessman, etc.?

Close with Colossians 3:23-24. Pray that we would work wholeheartedly as unto the Lord and not to men. That God is our reward and our inheritance and He due praise, not the praise and recognition of ourselves among mankind.

Sermon Notes/Additional Questions