



Ruin To Renovation - Sermon #13 - V.I.M. Study Questions for Groups & Individuals

OPENER:

Before going to the opener, hand out the *My Heart, Christ's Home* booklets for people to take home & read. Challenge them to call one other person from group this week to discuss the booklet as it relates to their own life.

Paper Airplane (BRING COPY PAPER)

1. Everyone makes a paper airplane & writes their name & two questions to ask someone else.
2. On cue, everyone throws their airplane around the room, picks up others' airplanes, and keeps throwing them.
3. The leader says stop after one or two minutes.
4. Everyone must have one paper airplane.
5. They must find the owner of the airplane they have & answer the questions on the airplane.
6. Each person then introduces the owner of the airplane they have to the group.

OPENINGPRAYER:

Let's pray for our women's team going to the Middle East!

Please pray for Kathleen & Jen who are attending the **Syrian Women's Conference** in early June. A total of about 20 women will be going from various partner churches.

1. Pray about the Syrian unrest, that it would not deter women from coming.
2. Pray for strong preparation & training before they leave.
3. Ask that prayer & financial support would come in quickly & with ease.
4. Pray for protection against spiritual attack.
5. Pray for physical, emotional & spiritual protection.

DISCUSSION:

Vision, Intention & Means

We talked in this sermon about needing these three things for Spiritual Formation. Read again 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 where Paul outlines the devotional life.

1. What do you notice about Paul's level of devotion?
2. What is the Vision which drives him?
3. What do you notice about his Intentions?
4. What can you say about his Means?

Look through the following verses

Lk 4:43/The Lord's Prayer in Mt 6/Lk 17:21/Rm 8:28/Rm 8:35-39/2 Pt 1:3-4/Col 3:17/
Mt 24:14/Mt 28:18-20/Jhn 14:6

Have one person read each one aloud & discuss what the Vision is that should be driving us as Christians.



1. What are the aspects of the Kingdom of God?
2. Can you find other Scriptures which speak to this?

We've defined God's Kingdom reign as...

the full range of God's effective will, where what God wants done is done.

1. If you had to put a percentage on that in your own life, what would it be? And why?

Prayerfully read through Ephesians 6:10-18...

1. Discuss what each one of these items is to the spiritual life.
2. Discuss them as the means to building the Kingdom of God in your own life.
3. How do you see these things practically applied & lived out?

Dallas Willard's quoted as saying...

"the idea that you can trust Christ & not intend to obey him is an illusion generated by the prevalence of an unbelieving Christian culture."

1. What is your reaction to this quote?
2. Do you see an unbelieving Christian Culture in life?
3. How do you contribute or not contribute to that?