

SERMON NOTES & LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

INTENTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS, Dan Laurenzo 11.01.09 Luke 22: 1- 38. “Revealing Table Talk”

Intending vs. Intentional. A culture plagued by loneliness.

Thursday night pre/ Passover. Jesus’ values for meaningful relationship shine during a truly urgent time around the table in Luke 22. A picture of healthy relationships emerges.

- Relational values that bring health to any friendship
 - Relational values that allow God’s Kingdom to thrive
1. Be _____ and _____. Luke 22: 15- 16; Matt 26: 37-8; Luke 10: 17- 18
 - Loneliness impacts the whole person
 - The email oversight. Tim Sanders
 2. Risk _____. Luke 22: 22- 27 “I am among you as the one who serves.”
I Peter 1: 21- 22, 4: 8- 10
 - “Goals” vs. “Desires” in relationships.
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 - Where is our base of security? Where does freedom & abandonment to serve thrive?
 3. Invest in words & _____ of _____. Luke 22: 28- 30; Romans 12: 10, 14
 - A surprising moment. Why would Jesus honor the disciples here?
 - A lifestyle and a “leaning”. What the mind knows the heart may forget.
 4. _____ toward spiritual _____. Luke 22: 31- 34; 2 Tim 2: 1- 2; Hebrews 5: 12- 14

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Kingdom culture suggests that no one can _____ in _____.

When joy is the missing element for us it is often because we _____.

The Problem with neat & tidy packages:

The Solution we seek:

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Sketch the features of a Christ- filled relationship that you admire in the lives of someone you know? How have you observed these in play? What intentional choices do these friends seem to have made to "get there"?
 2. At the Passover table in Luke 22, what key memories and thoughts would the disciples be carrying into these moments with Jesus? What would have been new information to them gleaned from His words? What questions would they have taken from this "meeting"?
 3. Have you ever thought of Jesus as "transparent"? Honoring? What other instances of this modeled "humanity" do you recall from his life? Read through Colossians 3: 12- 17. What stands out to you about the community described here?
 4. Think of one of your most challenging friendships. What are the key "goals" you have established, or just find yourself pursuing, in this relationship? What are the prominent "desires"? How will you transfer your time and expectations to the goals, rather than the illusive desires?
- Have fun and don't be afraid to get a little "messy" with these questions!

TODAY’S CHALLENGE: (Remember to watch for God to move this week and tell us your testimony!)

I will pray for _____ to come to Jesus