SERMON NOTES & LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

YOU TOO: ORDINARY PEOPLE DOING GOD'S EXTRAORDINARY THINGS, Curt Brunk 2.7.10

God loves to meet needs…through you

2 Primary Keys

1st: God Chooses Ordinary People

Disciples ordinary Mat 10:2-4

In OT Israel not chosen because special, but because ordinary.

Rulers considered Disciples "ordinary," Acts 4:13

God delights to reveal Himself to the ordinary, Mat 11:25

God chooses ordinary because He wants to reveal Himself through us, i.e. when He does the extraordinary through the ordinary, people come to know God (not the person) Mat 10:1, 7-8

Still true today: I Cor 12:8-10

He brings Himself / His Kingdom near through us

His kingdom/reality permeates even to the most fundamental aspects of the worldly Kingdom, Mat 10:9-10

To stay ordinary, stay humble

2nd: Orientation is ministry to others…not ourselves

Disciples empowered to reach lost sheep Mat 10:5-6

Same thing when commissioned, Mark 16:15-20

Corinthian church experiences the fullness of the gifts…and then some.

Commended for fullness of gifts, I Cor 1:4-5

Corrected for wrong orientation, I Cor 14:20-22

Wrong orientation on tongues, I Cor 14:2

Right orientation for all the gifts – brining others to God, i.e. revealing Himself to them through us! I Cor 14:23-25

Just as Jesus commanded, Acts 1:8

Lesson: if can't be kept in the ditch of "form of godliness but denying power, then pop over to hyper activity / gifts being used in wrong ways

High road of effectiveness lies between…

NEXT WEEK: YouToo – God's Empowers Us to Minister

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Take a moment to place yourself in the shoes of the 12 disciples as they are hearing the commissioning & instructions given in Matt 10. What is exhilarating about this mission? What might your silent objections be? What questions might come to mind?
2. Curt underscored the reality that the 12 & we, are "ordinary people" who God has empowered to heal and bring truth to "the lost". How is this encouraging to you? What factors in your life help faith rise in you to help you know that God will do this through you?
3. What did you take away from the truth Curt brought about tongues and prophecy in I Corinthians 14? What was clarified for you? What questions do you still have for the Lord and to explore in Scripture? What are you expecting the Lord to do in you & through you in the power of the Holy Spirit?
4. How did God challenge you in this teaching? Write down one practical step to take to further live this Spirit- empowered adventure!

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

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I will pray for _____ to come to Jesus