# SERMON NOTES & LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

**REAL. THE CHRISTIAN WALK MADE FUN! Mat 11:16-24, Curt Brunk, 4.18.10**

When think of the Christian Walk does fun come to mind?

- Was/is walking with us fun for Jesus?
- How can we fill our walk with more Real fun?

Jesus challenges hearers throughout the ages to respond!

- Calls out like a child trying to engage us, Mat 11:16-19
- John the Baptist separated himself from worldl, people say "too heavenly minded to be earthy good," v. 18
- Jesus eats, drinks and becomes friend of those who need God and we say undiscerning compromiser v. 19
- We use any excuse to not respond, go our own way
- Proof is: are we responding to His call, bearing fruit?

Sinfulness vrs Accountability, vv 20-24

- Korazin – Jesus did miracles, but none recorded… Jesus did/does more than we know
- Bethsaida – blind man healed, 5,000 fed –every reason to believe, but didn't so more accountable than:
- Tyre and Sidon – trade cities filled with sin and worship of other gods
- Capernaum – where Jesus lived, ministered froms hould have known, so more accountable than:
- Sodom – most wicked city in all of Bible
- Huge warning: so where is Eastside/Seattle Region?
  - More sinful than Israelite cities – where God deeply in people's lives – less sinful than other cities because of salt and light
  - Less accountable then Israelite cities because miracles not cone here…sad. More accountable than other cities where God was not prevalent

So let's effectively communicate both repent & God is love

- How? Words too often fail in our context
- Actions speak louder
- Let's go out, Sun May 16th, 10:45 say hi to our neighbors, and ask if we can help in any way
- If God moves, will be a BLAST! Bust out of box!

NEXT WEEK: Real.

**LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS**

1. What came to mind for you when Curt challenged us to think of the difference between "the exciting church God wants" and a church sitting in the seats and digesting biblical content? What would living that way require of us? What kind of joy and satisfaction might result?
2. What does Jesus seem to be after in His questions and teaching in Matt 11: 16- 24? What does the comment about wedding and funeral songs mean (vv. 16- 17)? When you heard Curt characterize the towns mentioned in vv. 21- 24, which description reminded you most of Bellevue? Your community? King County? (Thinking a bit globally) What do you think is the King County Christian church's (all gospel preaching churches) responsibility our county in this era? What opportunities do you see for us to live out the gospel.
3. What do you think of the neighborhood experiment we are proposing? How will you address the normal fear and questioning that arises inside us when we contemplate stepping out to risk loving our neighbor? How can we serve together as a Group that Sunday in May?

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

I will pray for _____ to come to Jesus