SERMON NOTES & LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

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

What is most important attribute good mother must have?

_____ Most moms have & yet still "issues" w/ children

Need something else intimately entwined to express in Godly way

Mat 11:25-30: deep insights for Godly mothering & all of us

Not about being wise & clever about dependency, v25

Parenting like marriage reveals how we are w Him, 26

Key is God has so much more, vv27-28

Revealed all to Jesus, not to us

Jesus pouring as much into us as possible, still but a drop in the ocean

So learn from Him by taking up yoke/burden, vv28-30

Yoke keeps us in harness & able to pull burden – so that we do His will & grow others & ourselves

Yoke is same in spirit as taking up cross and daily dying to self, so can do His will, Lk 9:23

We are accountable to do all He's taught us wtih all our strength…but then have to stop at line

If don't, love corrupted: "Don't you trust me?"

Simple obedience:

Mother Theresa: your "calling" can get in the way of simply trusting God so that you/He can fulfill calling

This is what May 16th outreach about:

Lord led: "reach out to neighbors, offer to help"

"But God, new people from Easter!"

New people: "if church about helping I'm in"

"But God, Sabbath year!"

"Substitute this for normal Sun; do what is my heart, as I've led."

Survey showing us what to do this Fall?

"But God, people won't come…embarrassing!"

"Resetting church: expectations, experience"

"Trust me."

NEXT WEEK: Real. Going out!

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Who are the mothers you most respect? What about them captures your attention? After the fact, beyond the stereotypical "mother's day gift", what would be a creative way to honor the "moms" God has used in our lives this week?
2. What gifts and qualities do you think of when you think of the idea of a "spiritual Mother", a woman that nurtures others in the faith walk? How do these Scriptures help? Titus 2: 3- 4; Luke 8: 1-3; Proverbs 31: 25- 31. How does Matthew 11: 25- 30 help mothers? What does Jesus seem to say about Himself here?
3. Curt talked about the delicate line between aggressive faithfulness and genuine trust in God. How do we know when we get into that unhealthy area of living, where we are wrapped up in our own faithfulness & effort -- how do we know when we have "crossed the line"? Talk about an area where God is inviting you to trust Him and not be so involved in strenuous effort? How can we support you in this?
4. How have you prayed about the May 16 "planting seeds" outreach? Who are you "teaming up" with, to go into the neighborhood this Sunday?

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