

LIFE GROUP LESSON

Vision 2:28 - Week of November 9

Introduction

In a time when many people are walking away from God, what is it like to stay the course and walk with God? Sin and shame will cause us to want to hide. We may experience grave setbacks, overwhelming challenges, and debilitating disappointments that will tempt us to disappear into the wrong things. While it is true that life's hurts are real and we all need Sabbath, time of respite, even solitude for a season, we must make sure *time away* is time with the Lord, not a portal that opens a door to the enemy. We must never disappear into darkness, despair and indifference. The writer of Hebrews says:

“Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. You must warn each other every day, while it is still ‘today’, so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ” (Hebrews 3:12-14).

Discussion:

- People disappear. Let's be honest ... we disappear. We disappear into hobbies, our jobs, exercise, shopping, and yes, sometimes even our kids, 'church-life' and the busyness of doing good works. We disappear into politics, current events, and all the craziness of the world. We disappear into habits, routines, even addictions. How else do we (as a culture, as individuals) disappear? Discuss briefly.
- Now, share your own struggles, not the presumed struggles of someone else. When life is more than you can handle, what do you tend to disappear into?

Read Hebrews 11:1-6

Discussion:

- Read together the Plain Truth.
 - ◇ What does v5a say about how Enoch disappeared?
 - ◇ “... before he was taken up, he was known as a person _____” (v5b)
 - ◇ According to v6, how do we please God?

- Scripture tells us it was BY FAITH that Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying. According to Genesis 5:24, Enoch lived and walked in close fellowship with God.
 - ◇ How does Hebrews 11:1 define *faith*?
 - ◇ What does this gem in Scripture regarding a man named Enoch, a treasure in God's Word about living by faith (Genesis 5:24, Hebrews 11:5) teach us?

When we walk with God we become more like God. And we are more like God when we GIVE and when we FORGIVE. “God so loved the world, He gave...” His only Son, the most valuable possession. God's generosity reflects his great love for you! In turn, your generosity reflects your love for the Lord.

- Do you trust God? Would you agree that your giving – your generosity – reflects whether or not you are walking closely with God? Discuss briefly.

Walking away from God is dangerous. It is a path, that if we continue traveling, will lead us to a place where God is *not* – each step gets darker and more uncertain. Today is the day to turn (Hebrews 3:15). Many streets in our city offer a 'turn lane', a safe (but temporary) lane to prepare for a turn. God also offers a 'turn lane' because he understands we may need a way out of the flow in order to prepare for *HIS* direction.

Have you been disappearing into the wrong things?

How is the Holy Spirit prompting you to prepare for a turn? Perhaps the Lord is calling you to set new priorities. If so, what would that look like? What do you need to discuss with your spouse, family members? What arrangements do you need to make at work?

What is God's call over your life, over your children and members in your household? Are you hiding from Jezebel and in a place where, like Elijah, God is asking “What are you doing here, Elijah... Go back...” (1 Kings 19:13, 15). God may be calling you to come out of hiding and go back to the last thing he asked you to do. Whatever it is, be obedient!

- What does Jesus say about the road to life, according to Matthew 7:13-14?
- **Vision 2:28*** may very well prove to be a purifying process for Christ Church. Reflect upon the goals (below prayerfully) and disappear into God for a while in prayer. Ask the Lord what he wants to show you. What your part is. Why Pastor Charles is calling Vision 2:28 a *spiritual campaign*.

Vision 2:28 Goals

1. Plant 10 new churches (congregations) in the next 3 years.
2. Double Life Groups to over 100.
3. Double baptisms and people joining Christ Church as fully devoted followers.
4. Increase worship attendance by 25%.
5. Raise \$5 million (that will be tithed first) to build worship center in Lincolnton, reduce debt, and further the ministry and mission of Christ's Kingdom.

***Vision 2:28** comes from Joel 2:28, a passage Simon Peter preaches at Pentecost—

“In the last days,” God says, “I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike—and they will prophesy. And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below—blood and fire and clouds of smoke. The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and glorious day of the LORD arrives. But everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved” (Acts 2:17-21).

Pray

One Year Bible Reading For This Week:

November 9: Ezekiel 20:1-49, Hebrews 9:11-28, Psalm 107:1-43, Proverbs 27:11
November 10: Ezekiel 21:1-22:31, Hebrews 10:1-17, Psalm 108:1-13, Proverbs 27:12
November 11: Ezekiel 23:1-49, Hebrews 10:18-39, Psalm 109:1-31, Proverbs 27:13
November 12: Ezekiel 24:1-26:21, Hebrews 11:1-16, Psalm 110:1-7, Proverbs 27:14
November 13: Ezekiel 27:1-28:26, Hebrews 11:17-31, Psalm 111:1-10, Proverbs 27:15-16
November 14: Ezekiel 29:1-30:26, Hebrews 11:32-12:13, Psalm 112:1-10, Proverbs 27:17
November 15: Ezekiel 31:1-32:32, Hebrews 12:14-29, Psalm 113:1-114:8, Prov. 27:18-20



Text: Hebrews 11:1-6, Joel 2:28

Vision 2:28 Goals:

- Plant 10 new churches in the next 3 years, one located in the Unifour area.
- Doubling Life Groups to over 100 life groups.
- Double baptisms and people joining the Christ Church family.
- Increase worship attendance by 25%.

To Make the Goals a Reality:

- Raise 5 Million dollars through sacrificial Giving by each worshipper giving the largest gift any of us has ever given over three years to any Christian organization. It's about equal sacrifice, not equal gifts.
- Tithe the first 10% off top to plant one church locally and nine churches globally. (\$500,000) will be seed money to plant new churches.
- First Million to go towards building a new 11,700 sq. ft. worship center for Lincolnton Campus with a fully functioning child development center. Cost is \$2,840,000.
- Debt reduction by \$3.5M over the next 3 years for all of Christ Church to take our \$6,500,000 debt down to \$1,800,000. This will lower the burden of debt on next generation and enable us to have more money for mission and ministry to reach the next generation.
- November 9: Continue to set our cell phones to alarm at 2:28 pm to pray for Vision 2:28 and continue to observe 21 Days of Fasting & Prayer. We need you to pray, and we need 100% participation in Vision 2:28
- November 23: Commitment Sunday of pledges and First Fruits Giving.

Plain Truth

If you are going to _____, _____ into _____!

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