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CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

November 6, 2022

Message Title: Church Hurt

Scripture: Ephesians 4:25-32

25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. 26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil. 28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. 29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Points of Consideration:

Speak the Truth (vs. 25)

Control Your Anger (vs. 26-27)

Speak Words of Life not Death (vs. 29)

Be Sensitive to the Holy Spirit (vs. 30)

Have a Proper Attitude (vs. 31)

Have Compassion and a Forgiving Spirit (vs. 32)

Discussion Questions:

The Word of God calls us to lay aside all falsehood (vs. 25). In other words, we are to speak the truth! 1 Corinthians 13:6 tells us that love does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. How can we tell the truth from a place of love?

When hurt, we tend to speak words of death instead of words of life. Consider James 3:1-12. What are the benefits and liabilities of our speech? How can we display wisdom and love through our speech?

All of Paul's commands in Ephesians 4 are summarized by drawing the reader's attention to the fact that Christ has been tenderhearted and forgiving towards us. Likewise, we should be tenderhearted and forgiving towards others. How can we relate to one another from the overflow of mercy and forgiveness in Christ Jesus?

Begin your time of discussion today by praying earnestly over the Sunday morning service!

You Turn Ministries

- Soccer league: pray for You Turn's soccer ministry as it brings hundreds of people in to hear the Gospel from pastoral students who preach to the crowds at halftime.
 - o Thousands have come to Christ and five churches have been planted through the soccer ministry since February!
- Pray for nine pastor training schools, and over 200 students, who are being trained to plant churches over the next two years.
- Pray for the over 80 orphans that You Turn currently supports. Join with You Turn as they pray that God would develop these students into strong, Bible-believing adults that would greatly impact their villages!

Church Plants!

- Hispanic Church Plant
 - Be in prayer for Pastor Roberto and his family and for God to open doors amongst the Hispanic community in Morgan County.
 - Pray for consistency from new families visiting the Bible study.
 - **Roberto and his family handed out nearly 400 tacos at the Fall Fun Fest. In the process, the church plant connected with 4 new families. Praise God for his favor with this community, and pray for tangible fruit from this event!**
 - Roberto was recently interviewed for the newspaper for a series highlighting Hispanic leaders in our community. The article was published and includes a Spanish translation. Praise God for opening this door for the Bible study's promotion to our community, and pray for Hispanics to find and read this article!
- Walton County Church Plant

○ Pastor Matt is collaborating with local pastors who have a heart for church planting to place a church in the Walton County area. Please pray that God would raise up a planter and a core group of church members and that God would open doors in the near future!

- Specifically, pray for a planter who will lead this church; this is a huge obstacle for the initial stages of the plant.

- Church leaders involved in this plant are assembling a core group of members interested in facilitating small groups and building its early congregation.

- Consider praying how God might lead you to live sent in participating in this local church effort!

Life Community Church, Weymouth, MA

- A building- currently, LCC Weymouth is meeting in a local community center as a mobile church. Having to borrow a space presents many inconveniences for all that the church would like to do and be. They are already praying that God would provide for them a permanent place to do ministry.

- “Dots on the Map”: LCC is designed to be a network of churches who continuously plant new churches all over the greater Boston area. The Weymouth parish is the most recent plant, and communities have been identified in Hull, Dorchester, Hingham, Randolph, etc. Pray that God would raise up communities of believers and pastors to shepherd them in these areas!

- Seach Elementary School, Weymouth, MA- Pray that God will give LCC favor in their relationship with this school. Noah was invited to the beginning of the school year’s teachers’ meeting and was introduced to all of the schoolteachers. Later that day, LCC donated 18 baskets of school supplies (one for each teacher at the school). LCC will have the opportunity to be present at the school’s Open House on the 21st and to meet the families of the students. Pray for opportunities to cultivate relationships and share the Gospel.

FCA

- As the ministry of FCA continues to grow in our 5-county area, pray for more people willing to Pray, Serve, and Give toward their efforts!

- Fields of Faith statistics to praise God for!

- 700+ in attendance; 675 Gospel bracelets given out; 250 t-shirts given out; 200 athletes fed; 13 decisions to accept/recommit lives to Christ!

Timothy Initiative

- TTI is an organization whose mission is to plant churches in countries all over the globe, to train native pastors to plant these churches, and to instill in them a Biblical desire to make disciples who make disciples.

- Pray for these pastors as they minister in often desolate, impoverished places with limited resources and cultural opposition.

- The cost of planting a church through TTI is \$400; consider how your tribe may impact believers across the globe by planting a church through TTI!

Nursing Home Ministry

- Daniel and Karrah Howell have recently spearheaded an effort to bless our local nursing home community. Specifically, we as a church are collecting items for which residents regularly ask. Below is a list that designates which items each tribe is collecting, and we would greatly appreciate your help!

Young Adult Tribe-little Knick-nacks, Yarn

Young Married Tribe-Adult coloring books, Cotton balls

Married & Singles Tribe-Nail polish remover, Men's aftershave.

Married(no childcare) Tribe-Devotional Books

Empty Nesters Tribe-Body Spray/Perfume

6th-12th grade Boys Tribe-Can soda/store brand(orange, grape, ginger ale)

6th-12th grade Girls Tribe-Little Debbie snacks/crackers/cookies

Married w/kids(McBay)- Bodywash, Emery boards

Married w/kids(Wadley/Joslin)-Deodorant, Bangle bracelets

Encore Senior Adults-gloves, stocking caps

Married Tribe(Broach)- Turbins, Bandanas, scarves

Please see Daniel or Karrah if you have any questions!