

Steve Sonderman – The Power of One

Steve began his message by reminding us that all the great movements in the world began with the passion of one person. “The glory of Christianity is that God loves to take an ordinary person and do the extraordinary.” Steve tells us of the story of Daniel and the impact he made living in a hostile environment. Steve listed four ways Daniel did this. Let’s apply them to ourselves.

Discussion Questions:

1. Steve talks about the importance of cultural engagement. We are not to isolate ourselves from our culture nor to assimilate to it. We are to engage with culture. Engagement requires bringing your Christian world view to work. Name one action you can take that will show this world view?
2. Steve spoke of the importance of consistency in your world view. “Make sure that your life here on earth is consistent with your citizenship in heaven.” What does it mean to you to be a citizen of heaven?
3. Steve spoke of the importance of conviction: standing firm for one’s faith. “The world is not impressed by spineless Christianity.” Share an experience with the men of your group in which you stood tall for God in the workplace?
4. Steve described the importance of compassion in one’s relationships. Steve listed five ways to do so: 1. Take time to listen; 2. Accept the differences in people; 3. Encourage people; 4. Give time to people; 5. Sacrifice for others. Which of these five ways are most challenging for you? What do you need to do to solve this problem?
5. Steve told us of Tony Compolo’s experience providing a birthday cake for a prostitute named Agnes. Tony’s reply to an inquiry of why he did this was that he was a member of a church that provides birthday cakes for prostitutes at 2:00 in the morning. Are you a member of a church that would be prepared to do the same? Are your church doors open? If not, why not?