Full Send Count What Matters

Welcome: (15 minutes)

Welcome back! We are on to value number 6! Where did you see God in your life this week? (Take 5-7 minutes to listen as people share their experiences this week) Praise be to God! I love to hear what God is doing in each and everyone of your lives each week. This is a life long action, so lets keep moving as we talk about counting what matters. Speaking of counting we are going to play a quick game today. (Here is an optional video that has you counting shapes - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SfMRbhN8mdg) This may have been a silly child game, but it reminds us to count what matters. Based off of the values we have studied so far what do you think a ministry should count?

Worship: (10 minutes)

As we worship and listen to these songs today I want us to count our blessings from God and the opportunities He has given us in life to live for Him. Also think about the following things during the songs.

- What do these songs say about living for God?
- What do these songs declare about God?

This I Believe (The Creed) By Hillsong - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uuDI-sk2nJU
Build My Life By Pat Barrett - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZW48zCBE

Word: (15)

Today we are going to listen to a short teaching from Jeremy Van Genderen. As Jeremy talks about counting what matters I want you to take some notes and then engage with the following questions. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zW-TP1-M7Dw

- What do you count in your church?
- What should we count?
- What can we do to change our counting?

After discussing those questions it's time to memorize the word of God. Today I want you to count off the class and have each word on a card with a number. Hand that card to the person with the same number and then repeat the verse over and over in order from 1 to 29 or you could put 3 words on 1 page for 10 people. Pick what will work best for your group. Let's memorize 1 Peter 2:24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Witness: (15 minutes)

As a society we like to determine if something is successful. What are some of the things we measure to determine if something is a success? How would you determine if what you did was successful? What do you think makes a ministry/church successful?

As we read through John 15:16 what stands out as important or necessary? What does it mean to bear fruit for God?

An outward expression of what God is doing inwardly is what churches should be focused on. Not that it is a rules based success, but a fruit based success. We should start counting 1st time believers in Christ, Gospel conversations, mentoring/discipleship relationship, and deep discussion of truths about God. These are the things that will determine the success of a ministry.

Let's take a moment and count that here in class. Who are the people who invested in your faith? Whose faith have you intentionally invested in? How many people have you shared the gospel with?

Closing Prayer: (5 minutes)

Today as we close let's pray through John 15:5 Lord, you are the vine and we are the branches. Help us to remain in you and please remain in us so that we can bear much fruit for the kingdom. We know we are fruitless without You. (this is just an example prayer, invite everyone to open up to the passage and pray what is on their heart)

Scripture: Topic: Count What Matters

Memorize Monday:

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Table Talk Tuesday:

Talk: How do you know if something is successful or not? What do you think makes a church/ministry successful?

Text: You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. John 15:16

Truth: Outward fruit of the gospel, prayer and discipleship is what shows a successful church.

Watch it Wednesday:

Full Send – Count What Matters - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zW-TP1-M7Dw

Tune in Thursday:

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Build My Life By Pat Barrett - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZW4_8_zCBE

Fun Friday:

Tonight I want you play something or go somewhere that you have to keep track of a score. To that game or activity the score that you count matters, but win or lose at the end of the night I want you to discuss what really matters. For a game maybe it just matters that you all had fun and enjoyed time together, but in life what matters is our relationship with Jesus Christ. Use this as a transition to talk about who Jesus is!

Seek Him Saturday:

Pray through John 15:5 Lord, you are the vine and we are the branches. Help us to remain in you and please remain in us so that we can bear much fruit for the kingdom. We know we are fruitless without You.

Send It Sunday:

Today I want you to count the people in your life that have invested in your faith, that you have invested in their faith, and that you have shared the gospel with. Let's spend the day praising God for those people and opportunities and praying that God opens more and more doors in the days, weeks, months and years ahead.