

Throwback

WEEK 3: ALL OR NOTHING; EITHER WE LIVE TO SHINE OR BE HIDDEN

BIG IDEA:

Now is the perfect time for the church to be the church. We've been given a mission in this world: to point people to God's truth. We're called to be in the world, but not of the world. Our hope isn't tied to what happens here. Our hope is tied to who God is and all He's done for us. So, for us, it's all or nothing in our response to this season.

KEY VERSE:

John 17:15-18, "I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. They do not belong to this world any more than I do. Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean to you to be in the world, but not of the world?

Key Point #1: Either we live by Faith or we live by fear.

2. What are you fearful of right now? Is it difficult for you to believe that you can move away from your fear? Why or why not?
3. How does someone develop more faith? What does it look like to live out of faith in your daily life?

Key Point #2: Either we live generously, or we live selfishly.

4. What does it mean to you to live generously? Would you be considered a generous person based on the choices you are making? What could you do in order to be more generous, especially in times like now?

Key Point #3: Either we live for others, or we live for ourselves.

5. What does it mean to you to "live for others"? Do you need to do to be intentional about staying connected and if so, how and with whom? What could you do this week?

Key Point #4: Either we live to shine, or we live to be hidden.

6. How effective are you at pointing people to the hope of Jesus in this season? What could this look like in your life?

MOVING FORWARD:

As followers of Jesus, we reflect hope in a time of crisis. We are the light of the world. We need to remember that social distancing doesn't mean spiritual distancing. No matter what happens in our world, God still desires for you to be in community. God still desires for you to be generous. God still desires for you to be his mouthpiece. Discuss as a group what you can do today, to be the church.