



DON'T LET A MOVEMENT BECOME A MONUMENT (1950-2000)

INTRODUCTION

- ➔ Christ's promise... *I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.* (Matthew 16:18)
- ➔ Typical Local Church Life-Cycle: Birth, childhood, teen years, young adulthood, middle life (plateau), senior years, decline, and death (Revelation 3:1)
- ➔ QUESTION: How does a church like Creekside avoid going from being a LIVING MOVEMENT to a DEAD MONUMENT?
- ➔ ANSWER:
 - REMEMBER... who _____ and what _____
 - IMITATE... the _____ & _____ of _____

BIG SPIRITUAL LIFE LESSONS

- ➔ LESSON #1: We all have to run our " _____ " well.
- ➔ LESSON #2: Let your _____ go beyond your _____ on earth. (1 Corinthians 15:58)
- ➔ LESSON #3: Only _____ are _____.
- ➔ LESSON #4: _____ in what will _____... leave a _____ of significance.

CROSSING THE JORDAN RIVER / ENTERING THE PROMISED LAND

- ❶ _____ - _____
& get your feet _____! (Joshua 3:5,8,13,15-17)
- ❷ _____ an _____ - Remember _____ & _____ victorious _____ in Him. (Joshua 4:1-3,5-7; 21-24)

STORY OF CREEKSIDE FROM 1950 TO 2000

WE ARE ALL "LIVING STONES" (1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10)

LIVING STONES STORIES FROM THE PAST THAT STILL SPEAK TODAY



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CREEKSIDE CENTENNIAL—WEEK 3

LifeGroup Discussion Questions / Week of Feb 18—24, 2024

Prayer

Begin your time by praying with one another. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your time in conversation and community today.

My Story

It's never too early to start thinking about the legacy you will leave behind. What are some characteristics you want others to remember you by in the next generation?

Digging Deep

- 1) Thinking back on Sunday's message, what idea or lesson stood out to you the most?
- 2) The typical life-cycle of a local church is often similar to the life-cycle of people: birth, childhood, teen years, young adulthood, middle life (plateau), senior years, decline, and death. What do you think are some of the warning signs that a church is in decline? How can a local church "break" or "restart" their own life-cycle?

Digging Deeper

- 3) **Read 1 Corinthians 15:58.** There are almost no guarantees in this lifetime, but this promise actually offers us a sure guarantee or "return on investment" for certain behavior. What does this verse call all believers to, and what is the promise-guarantee?
- 4) Select three people to read each of the following passages out loud.
Joshua 3:5-17
Joshua 4:1-7
Joshua 4:21-24

Looking at the narrative of Joshua leading the Israelites to cross the Jordan River into the Promised Land, what do we learn about the relationship between corporate obedience and leaving an impact on future generations? Why is it such a big deal for Christians to REMEMBER?

- 5) **Read 1 Peter 2:4-5, and 9-10.** God has clearly been building something amazing over the last 100 years here at Creekside. But, according to these verses, how does God want to utilize each of us **now** as "Living Stones" to continue this great work? What do you think your role at Creekside should be as one of God's "Living Stones?"
- 6) Americans tend to be fiercely (and proudly) *independent*. But 1 Peter 2 speaks of God's desire for His children to be fiercely *interdependent*... to be built up TOGETHER. How can we as believers lean into God's desire to be unified and dependent upon each other as we serve Him? Be specific with your answers.
- 7) **Reread 1 Peter 2:9-10.** These verses speak of what all true Christians have been delivered FROM and deliverer TO. Review this list and then explain what the following phrases mean: chosen people, royal priesthood, holy nation, and God's special possession. These expressions are clearly borrowed from the OT and describe our true identity as Christ-followers. According to these inspired words, how does God see you and what is your purpose in life?

Taking it Home

- 8) After this study, your **MY STORY** answer (above) might have changed a bit. Imagine you are listening in on your own memorial service in the future. What do you want to be remembered for? What qualities, characteristics or acts of service would you like to impart to your family, friends, and community? What course corrections are needed in your life in order to be remembered the way you desire?
- 9) **Extra Credit:** What natural abilities, experiences, passions, or spiritual gifts do you possess that can be used by God to create a positive impact for His Kingdom?

Praying Together

As you close in prayer today, remember to thank God for the opportunity to join Him in spreading the gospel and building into the future generations of the body of Christ (His Church). Pray for boldness as each of you seeks to be faithful in the paths God has chosen for you.