

To Me - Life Group Questions

1. Pastor Dan opened up the message this week by reminding us of some of the chaos that has already happened this year. We're now around half way through what has been a very unique year. How would you characterize your spiritual/emotional/mental state right now?
2. We would all agree with the statement that life isn't always easy. However, a case could be made that Christians in the United States are pursuing comfort and control. Here is a quote from Stanley Grenz, "Evangelical church life readily gives the impression that Jesus wants us respectable, successful, and happy. And our typical evangelical prayer concerns suggest that to this end, he intervenes to help us through the minor setbacks of life." What are your thoughts on this quote? Do you agree or disagree and why?
3. Pastor Dan shared that there are times when we can even feel like God is against us. Have you gone through a time when you felt like that was true? Oftentimes satan will accuse God to us; that He isn't really for us. How can we go about combating that belief?
4. Dan shared this quote from Francis Grimke, an African-American pastor during the spanish flu. He said, "Is it to come and go and we be no wiser or better for it?" That is a good question for us to ask ourselves. What has God been speaking/showing you during this time that you don't dare forget?
5. One of the spiritual truths of scripture is that we become like what we look at; we become like what we worship. What are the eyes of your heart focused on?
6. Pastor Dan closed with the idea that one of the things that God may be doing in the world today is allowing satan to remove some of our comforts, some of our blessings, to see if we will pursue Jesus not for what He can give us but for Him alone. What are your thoughts on that statement? Where do you find yourself in this continuum (seeking Christ alone, seeking Christ + comfort, etc)?

Take some time to pray for one another (specifically regarding #4 and #5).