



Icebreaker:

Tell a story about a time you went swimming?

Announcements:

Take time to go over the Creating a Healthy LifeGroup guidelines

Prayer Time:

Pray for our building project as demolition begins soon in our east wing.

Study Questions:

Why is God so interested in our words matching our deeds? What according to the following verses does God want from us: 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Romans 3:12-14? Why is it so important that our lives bear fruit?

How are the values of many people around us different from the values Jesus wants to see demonstrated? Why is it so easy to live only for this life like everyone else? Why is it so easy to miss the eternal value system God wants to guide our lives?

Read 1 John 2:15-17. What are the three categories of “this world only” values? How do these values fail us? If we love these values over what God desires what does that say about our love for the Father? What value should we make our A1 priority?

What does Ecclesiastes 1:1-8; 2:10-11 tells us about the satisfaction we can expect when we pursue “this world only” values? Have you ever known someone who seemed to have it all but was still miserable? What is missing in someone’s life who is empty despite success? According to Ecclesiastes 12:13,14 what focus brings ultimate fulfillment?

Why is it so important that we get control of our words and vocabulary? What do our words reveal about us- see Matthew 12:34b-37. What words come out of us when life squeezes us?

What do the following verse say about the different way we as Christ followers should talk to others- see Ephesians 4:29-31; Proverbs 10:19,21,31-32; Proverbs 12:18; 13:3; 15:1,4; 16:28; 17:14. How does cursing, course joking, and crude language diminish us and our witness?

What according to 1 Peter 4:10-11 is our new vocation? How can we become Jesus’ ambassador-representative- and a faithful dispenser of grace in our work environments? How can we better use our time, treasure, and talents to advance Jesus’ work in the world and complete His mission?

Conversational Prayer: Dear God show me...