LIFEGROUPS

Sermon: OMTL – Living the Dash Scripture: Various

Date: Jan. 9 & 10, 2016

-[LET'S TALK]-

- If there are new people in the group for OMTL, spend some time getting to know each other.
- Do you know anyone who really lives life well? What about them makes you notice this?

-[LET'S WARM UP]-

- If you had 30 days left, do you think you'd need to change much? Why or why not?
- What do you think worldly wisdom would prescribe in order to have a full life?
- Why is it important for us to "contemplate our mortality" and know life is short?
- How does the world react to the subject of personal mortality? How do you react?

-[LET'S DIG | CHOOSE 1]-

- Read James 4:13-17 and talk about time, plans, and procrastination.
 - 1. How significant is our time here on earth?
 - 2. Why does James assert conditioning our plans with: "If it is the Lord's will?"
 - 3. What is the difference between arrogant schemes and doing what we know we ought to?
 - 4. How does verse 17 connect logically to the rest of this passage?
- Read Genesis 3:4-7, Luke 9:21-26 and talk about mortality.
 - 1. What are the two basic elements of the serpent's offer in Genesis?
 - 2. Why does the serpent offer freedom from death? Why not just offer to be like God?
 - 3. What are the two basic elements of Jesus' offer in Luke?
 - 4. Considering Jesus' claims, how important is it to live in light of one's mortality? Why?

—[LET'S ACT]—

- With your group, do items #1 and #3 in the "Make it Last for Life" section at the end of the *Living the Dash* chapter in the <u>One Month to Live</u> book (pgs. 6 & 7).
- Get a notebook or make an electronic note specifically for this series. Use it to keep records of your completed "Make it Last for Life" exercises.
- During the week, use your notebook and follow through on item #2.



-[SERMON REVIEW]-

- Sermon Scriptures: [Ecc 3:11] [Mt 22:37-39] [Lk 9:51] [Jn 10:10; 13:1] [1 Cor 13:8] [2 Cor 12:8-10] [Phi 2:5-8] [1 Jn 5:11-12]
- Truthfully, we don't have much time in life. There's no time to wait; choose to truly live today!
- Jesus perfectly modeled a 'no regrets' lifestyle. Four principles we can learn from Christ's model are:
 - 1. Living Passionately: Get serious about knowing God and living life fully...right now!
 - 2. Loving Completely: At the end of our lives, all that matters is loving God and others.
 - 3. Learning Humbly: Character grows through learning from God's Word and challenges.
 - 4. Leaving Boldly: If we boldly live for Christ now, we will leave with the same boldness.

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