

What Jesus Demands from the World

Sermon Notes & Community Group Discussion

Sunday, January 31, 2010

Abiding Leads to Character

John 15:1-15

Problem #1 Where do you go to become a student of Character?

Problem #2 We have prioritized 2 things over Character:

1. Achievement
2. Fulfillment

Character is the will to do what is right,
(as God defines right) regardless of the cost.

Problem #3 Our culture is teaching us that there is only one absolute; and that is there are no absolutes.

God's Response to People of Character:

1. God delights in Honesty. *Proverbs 11:1*
2. God blesses Humility. *Proverbs 11:2*
3. God guides us through Integrity. *Proverbs 11:3*

Bottom Line:

If you were ask those who knew you best, what would they say you opt for?

MEDITATION / APPLICATION

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1. Begin tonight by asking the last question from Sunday's teaching outline. What would those closest to them say they are pursuing?
2. Talk aloud about the double standard that many of us live and participate with/in. We want to be around people of character, yet sometimes we abandon character for the sake of our own benefit or gain. Why do we do this so readily or easily? How does it make you feel when you do this? How well do we accept accountability from others?
3. Look at the definition of character that was provided on Sunday and dissect it as a group. Do you agree with it? What would you change or add to it? Do you believe in absolute truth? (Truth that is always truth regardless of the time, context, situation, or people involved)
4. What is God's will for your life? How does one discover God's will for their life? Why do you think most people pursue achievement and fulfillment over character? Read Proverbs 11:1-3 and John 15:1-15: What insight do these passages provide in how we discover God's will for our lives?

