

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

PHILIPPIANS 1: 19-26

GROUP BUILDER

When you look at your life with all the plans, commitments, desires and pressures, how would you finish the sentence, "For me to live is"

REFLECTION

What new insight, inspiration, or understanding about living to serve did you receive from this weekend's message?

DEEPER (Large Group Discussion)

In verse 20, Paul uses the word "eager." The only other place this word is used is in Romans 8:19. The dictionary defines this word as "having or showing keen interest and or impatient expectancy." What was Paul eager for?

Talk about fruitful labor. How is it evidenced? How do we ensure fruitful labor?

What is the challenge for us when we read about Paul's joy in the faith? What do circumstances have to do with joy?

Read and discuss the following verses in light of living to serve: Matthew 20: 26-28; Acts 17:28; Galatians 2:20; Galatians 5:13-14; I Peter 2:16; I John 3:16-18.

APPLICATION (In Groups of 3-4)

What does it look like for you to be all about Jesus in your schedule, relationships, family, work, in this moment, etc.?

What would it look like for you to totally surrender to the call to live a life of unselfish service? How can you put feet to your surrender and enter into service? What's your next step?

Pray for one another.

ALERT!

Please turn off all cell phones, pagers, and electronic devices. We record our services (both video and audio) so others can enjoy the message via the web site. THANK YOU for helping us provide a quality experience for all.

A NOTE TO PARENTS WITH SMALL CHILDREN

We suggest that children attend their age-appropriate classes during the main service. We view the service as a time for parents to be refreshed. If your child needs you, the number on your child's check-in tag will be displayed on the sanctuary monitors. **If you do have your child with you, please sit near a door so you may exit at the first sign of playfulness or fussiness.** This will be greatly appreciated by those seated around you. A video feed is located in the café and the nursing-mother's room, for your convenience.



Smoky Hill Vineyard

Real Life · Real Community · Real Mission

January 31, 2010

Welcome!

What are your plans this year? What do you want to do in 2010? How will you "make a difference" to your loved ones, co-workers, and community?

Do you have a game plan?

Does it start with Jesus?

Let's focus on Jesus and what matters most as we "Make a Difference" together. Can you think of a better way to start the year?



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MUSIC

Expressing our love to God. Feel free to stand or sit.

GIVING

Honoring God through our tithes and offerings.

TEACHING

Discovering 'Real Life' through God's Word.

ACTION

Responding to God.

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NEED TO KNOW...

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Make sure to pick up a CD of today's message in the bookstore. **Only \$3.**
The complete Real Freedom and Marriage Series CD sets are available and make great gifts. DVD sets are available to order.

PODCAST/VIDEO OF TODAY'S MESSAGE

Download the podcast or video of today's message to your iPod or computer.
Go to SHVchurch.org.

SHV STUDENTS

Sunday Morning Wake-Up Call at 10:45 am for middle-school and high-school students.
Biblical Teaching. Passionate Worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THE 100 CLASS: LAST CHANCE!

If you are new to SHV, have questions about Jesus, or are not connected outside of Sunday AM, this is the starting point for you. This 4-week class, taught by Greg and June Thompson, starts **TOMORROW NIGHT**, continuing Mondays in Feb. from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Childcare provided. Sign-up at an Info Desk.

CARL'S NEW BOOK

Tea with Hezbollah: Sitting at the Enemies' Table – the new book by Carl Medearis and Ted Dekker is out! You can order it and sign up for a live Webcast with Ted and Carl on their site: www.whyyoufearme.com.

GRANT WRITER

SHV is looking for someone with grant writing experience to help prepare an application for federal funding intended for security purposes. Please contact Jacob Dukes at 303.690.2520.

CHICK- FIL-A FUNDRAISER FOR SHV STUDENTS

What's better than a fundraiser? Join us at Chick-fil-A near Southlands on Wednesday, Feb. 3 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Tell them you're there to support Smoky Hill Vineyard and they'll donate from 15%-20% of your bill to us. Fliers are at the Info Desk. Thanks for supporting SHV Students!

SHV STUDENTS WINTER RETREAT

Didn't sign-up for Winter Retreat yet? What are you waiting for? Pick up your retreat packet in the youth area or at an Info Desk and turn it in to Cindy (office) with your \$125 payment by Feb. 10. We're headed to Glacier View Ranch Feb. 26-28 for an awesome time together! Don't miss out!

SONG OF DENVER

Join local Denver Worship Leaders on Friday, Feb. 19 at 7:00 pm. This free concert will feature numerous Denver Worship Leaders/Recording Artists, including Greg Russell; Tom Ewing (Now and Then CD), and Dave Powers (Head of Worship and the Word and HeavenFest). 100% of the offering will help support relief efforts in Haiti. For complete details, visit SHVchurch.org.

MESSAGE NOTES

TO LIVE IS CHRIST

Make a Difference Series

Key verse for this series:

"Live in such a way that you are a credit to the Message of Christ"

–Philippians 1:27, Message Version

Philippians 1:19-21 NIV

For I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

For to me to live is _____

The _____ factor

I continue to _____ every day so that Jesus is my life

1:27-30

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

We make a difference because we are _____

Moved by _____ and _____

Not because we are trying to be good people, get brownie points, or alleviate guilt

PRACTICAL STEPS

REFLECTION

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

What does it look like for me to be all about Jesus in my schedule, relationships, family, work, in this moment, etc.?

Prayer: Lord, show me where I need to make adjustments. Be my life at home... at work... in my relationships... my decisions... my gifts, talents and resources...