



ADVENTURE KILLERS

The Gospel of Somebody Else

MAIN THING

The Adventure Never Happens For Those Living Someone Else's Faith

SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 3:16-17, Romans 12:2, Matthew 6:21

ICEBREAKER

What interests do you have in your life that you picked up from your parents? Sports teams? Hobbies? Movies or TV?

OPENING THOUGHT

Maybe your parents took you to church as a kid, or as a teenager. Maybe you still go today, but not because it's your faith. You go when your wife goes. You go when mom and dad go. But you don't take initiative for yourself. That's because you are living someone else's faith. You haven't owned it for yourself. Faith in your family is like a baseball game; it's something your family does together, but only when someone else pays for the tickets, schedules the game, invites everyone, and leads it. This is why so many will never live the adventure that faith is. The adventure never happens for people living someone else's faith. The church will be encouraged to take personal ownership of their faith, to embrace their faith in Jesus Christ personally, and to go all in.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. Do you find that people tend to carry on the traditions of their families? Why is that? How does that find its way into the Church? Is this good? Bad? How does this affect a person's view of their faith?
3. Dave mentioned on Sunday that, when he owned his own faith, he began to study the word for himself (2 Timothy 3:16-17), and he began to have a burning passion to be more like Christ (Romans 12:2). Once you made your faith your own, how did that change you? Did it change you? Why is it so important for your faith to be your own? Is this a struggle for many who grew up in the church? Outside of it?

LIFE APPLICATION

Matthew 6:21 says that where your treasure is, there's where your heart will be. What matters most to you? Do you get more excited about the season premiere of your favorite show, or someone coming forward to be baptized into Christ? Does getting that new pair of shoes get you more excited than singing your favorite worship song on Sunday? Where are your priorities? This week, play close attention to what you spend the most money, time and interest in this week. That will give you a fair look at where your heart is.

CHALLENGE

When we make the decision to own our faith, we make the decision to be a part of the body of Christ. As a group, are you committed to meeting each week? Are you making your group time a priority and not just some extra thing you do? Community is vital to the growth of your faith, and it's nearly impossible to grow otherwise. Hold each other accountable. Encourage one another. More than anything, make the commitment to be consistent in your group.