ADVENTURE KILLERS

Keeping the Training Wheels

MAIN THING
The Adventure Never Happens for Those Whose Primary Goal is to Play It Safe

SCRIPTURE
Luke 10:2-3, Matthew 16:24-27, James 1:22

ICEBREAKER
What is the most dangerous thing you've ever done?

OPENING THOUGHT
Jesus said it Himself, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." It has never been a harvest problem. It's always going to be a worker problem. Following Christ and playing it safe are two mutually exclusive concepts. The first thing that isn't safe is our rebellion. Our thoughts, our minds, our actions, our habits; those aren't safe in the presence of Jesus. Our beliefs and our traditions aren't safe. The only thing that is safe in Jesus' presence is us. The second thing that isn't safe is our calling. Once our lives are fully surrendered to Christ, He gives us our calling. Our calling is where our passion meets a need. We are called specifically to do what we are passionate about to meet a need, whether local or international. The third thing that isn't safe is the group of people around us. The people around the true Christian will always hear the dangerous message of Christ, be awed by stories of risk and adventure, be challenged to rethink their lives. The true servant of Jesus has the power to affect the people around them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?

2. Read Luke 10:2-3. There are 2 things at play here, can you identify them? What does Jesus mean by "the Harvest"? Why is this such a big deal? Is this a priority for the church?

3. In Matthew 16:24-27, Jesus makes a bold request. How intense of a request is this? How would the first century Jew felt about this? What kind of cost is Jesus requesting? Does this give you pause or embolden you?

LIFE APPLICATION
Here is the US, we tend to stay on the safe side. We don't want to rock the boat. We don't want to risk hurt physically, emotionally, financially, or spiritually. Is this the kind of faith that we are called to live? Or is this the kind of false security that Satan wants us to have? Satan finds joy in the Christian who plays it safe, never rocks the boat, and ends up doing nothing for the Kingdom of God. Don't let him win! Step out of your comfort zone, and begin to seek out people to share your faith with, or sign up for a mission trip. People need to hear about your faith. A safe, comfortable, ineffective life is not a live of adventure and isn't what God has designed for us.

CHALLENGE
As a group, are you all playing it safe? Is there adventure in your lives, or is this group the most adventurous thing you do? How can you, as a group, take off the training wheels and get into the game? Could you go on a mission trip together? Could you find a place to serve in your community? Many churches fall into the programming trap of always doing classes, groups and studies, but never put any of the things they learn into action. What does James 1:22 say about that? Don't fall into this trap as a group. Push each other to action.