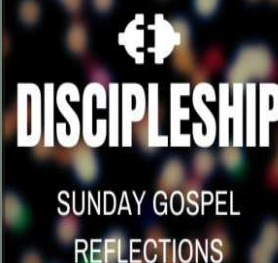


Theme - Who do you serve in your choices of life?

“No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other.”

Verse 13, Luke 16:1-13



Adults

1. “A person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones.” This is a good explanation/definition of the practice of virtue. Why is this important to Jesus and why should we continue to practice virtue on a regular basis?
2. Jesus also tells us that we cannot serve two masters. Who or what in your life has become master over God? What can you do today to help realign your priorities to turn from the false masters in your life?
3. What about our neglect of the poor and needy among us? Do you turn away from your responsibility to them? If so, is there something in your life that God is calling you to change so that you can be a benefit to the poor and needy? What is something you do in your life that may oppress the poor among us without you even noticing?

Obstacles for living out the Gospel: Forgetting who we serve.

Teens

1. Who or what influences most of your choices-God, friends, money, popularity, success?
2. Are you faithful with “small things” like your words, choices, time, chores, or homework? Why do you think Jesus cares about the small stuff?
3. If someone looked at how you use your phone, your money, or your free time, what would they say is most important to you?
4. Have you ever had to choose between doing the right thing and doing what was easy or popular? How did it turn out? What would you do differently?

Obstacles to living out the Gospel: Materialism, pressures to fit in, and mixed messages from the media and our culture make it difficult to live out this Gospel.



Children

1. If you were very rich and had every material thing that you ever needed or wanted, would you still have time for God? Why or why not?
2. What gifts and/or resources has God given to you and your family? How do you show yourself worthy of being entrusted with these gifts and/or resources? How generous are you sharing your gifts with others?
1. Do you see our world as a gift from God? How can you be a good steward of creation? What are some ways we can be faithful to and worthy of God’s trust in the small opportunities to share Christ’s love in our everyday lives?

Obstacles to living out the Gospel: Greed and selfishness. Lack of respect that what we have is meant for God’s glory and not just for our own pleasure and comfort.