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LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 09.22.24 Pulpit Curriculum

Broadcasting His Glory – Consecrating Yourself to the Lord

Main passage: 1 Chronicles 29; Rom 12:1-13

1) Defining Consecration (1 Chron 29:17):

- Consecration is devoting the totality of our lives to God so as to reflect the treasure of Christ and the holiness of the Spirit. It is to set aside, dedicate, separate, devote, dedicate, set apart (holiness) – for God and for His purposes.
- Our hearts and minds wholly devoted to Christ. Our desire for consecration comes from the love of Christ (2 Cor 5:14-15), reflecting the heartbeat of 1 Chronicles 29 – a life of worship. Consecration is being an open “pipe” so that God can work through us. When He fills us with the presence of His word and power, we are able to share with the world around us, as long as we are not “clogged.” As we are sanctified, we are useful to the Lord (2 Tim 2:20-21).

- A. What are you filling your hands with as an offering to God, to put into His presence (time, plans, resources)? _____

- B. Describe how a consecrated and sanctified life can be useful to the Lord. How does unrepentant sin limit usefulness for God? _____

2) The Motivation for Consecration: The Mercies of God (Rom 12:1-2)

- Our consecration is driven by a delight in who God is, and the grace of our redemption through Christ – from Whom our mercies come.
- Mercies from God (Romans 1-11): wisdom of God, forgiveness, cleansing from sin, grace, justification, promises of God, faith, salvation, the Bible, the Gospel, rescue from the wrath of God, intercession of Christ, love of God, peace with God, and the prayers of the Holy Spirit – because of these mercies, we are called to present our bodies and lives as a living sacrifice. The Christian life is a joyous celebration of what God has done and what He will do.

- C. Which mercies of God in Rom 1-11 do you personally treasure? Why is that so precious to you? _____

- D. What time do you devote daily/weekly to being filled up with God’s holiness and mercies? _____



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3) The Practice of Consecration: Presenting Yourself as a Living Sacrifice (Rom 12:1)

- As we bring an offering into His presence - a wholly and pleasing sacrifice to God which is our lives - we must not present our members as instruments of sin, but instruments of righteousness. This is how we practice our consecration to the Lord. Romans 6 is about presenting our members - our choices, our minds, our actions - to sin or to God. Those that claim salvation in Christ are challenged to present their members as offerings to God for sacrifice. God has ordained the ends, and He is also working through the means. We are to be consecrated to Him so that He will do the work through us, for His glory.

E. What "members" of your life are you offering to God? _____

F. Is there any sin in your life that is preventing your body from being presented as a holy sacrifice that is well pleasing to the Lord? _____

4) The Path of Consecration: Transformed by the Renewal of Your Mind (Rom 12:2)

- Some churches have been infiltrated by worldly doctrine that promote worldly tolerance and focusing on felt needs, but the word of God says that the Gospel is inherently offensive (a rock of offense and a stone of stumbling). We must focus on eternal needs found in salvation through the gospel of Christ and stand for what God stands for. If we want to live a consecrated life, we must have a transformed mind – a beautiful vitality built on the Word of God.
- Mechanisms for a renewed mind committed to the scriptures (John 17:17) are found in Romans 12 – (vv. 3-4) a humility of mind, hearts humbled and dependent on God; (vv. 5-13) hands being devoted to one another and the church. It must involve the entire system, so that He Himself is at work within us

G. Why are worldly doctrines so dangerous in the church? How would an offensive Gospel lead to biblical salvation? _____

H. What spiritual disciplines reinforce our renewal of the mind? How would you assess your spiritual health and daily renewal? _____

5) Consecrating Yourself Daily (1 Chronicles 29:5)

- None of us are holy and all of our gifts are like "half eaten oreos" – they pale compared to what he has given yet He is pleased with them (Ps 116:12).

I. How do you consecrate yourself daily to the things of God? List areas that you desire to grow in and share with your Lifegroup. _____