



“We Are the Message” – Mark Pettus **July 1, 2012**

Review It

In this seven part series we are taking a look at things the Bible says we need to be reminded of, yet we can have a tendency to forget.

Talk About It

1. Pastor Mark shared about how much he appreciates living in America. As we celebrate the birth of this incredible nation take some time to honor those who have fought to help us keep our independence. Share stories of men and women you know or have known who fought or are fighting for our freedom.
2. Read Exodus 19:3-6. What does it mean for us to be a "kingdom of priests and a holy nation?" Is that an accurate description of how we live our lives as citizens of God's Kingdom? In what ways can we live our lives to better reflect this call on our lives?
3. Pastor Mark spoke on the concept of "moral relativism" in our generation. Discuss what moral relativism means to you. Why do you feel it's important to be counter cultural when it comes to morality by living a life up to the standard of God's Word?
4. Read 1 Peter 2:12. Since we are covered by God's grace, how we live isn't to earn favor with God but with man. What does that mean to you? How does that change your perspective of WHY you should live a life of morality.
5. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-5. Share some examples of people who have been an example of the Message of God in times of trial. What struggles in your life has God used to minister to someone else either while you were in that trial or after you'd come through it?

6. What does the term "spiritual legacy" mean to you? As of today what would your spiritual legacy look like? What have you done in the past week that impacts the Kingdom of God and will live on beyond your lifetime?

Think on it:

Think about this quote from a pastor:

"Here is a list of things I don't do...cuss, smoke, drink, steal, commit adultery, covet, take God's name in vain, or dance...very well. I don't watch porn, take drugs, or gamble. I don't do these things for one simple reason...the people I know and love don't think I would do them and I find a kind of deep wholeness in being who people think I am. Other people are the keepers of my reputation...my reputation makes my ministry possible."

What are the things in your life that you need to stop doing or start doing in order to be the message of God's goodness to a hurting world?

Act on it:

Make a list of those things that God is calling you to change in your life so that you can represent Him to the world. Begin implementing those changes this week, and find an accountability partner who can help keep you on that path. Let's "be the message!"