

Thrive Series
Treasures
03/21/20
NN & SFK Campuses

Opening

-Welcome to City Life Church!

- If you are a neighbor or visiting online thank you for joining us...
- If you call City Life home, we are saddened that we can't be together but aren't going to let that stop us for worshipping together!
- NN or SFK...one church under one banner, Jesus Christ!

-Acts 2:46-47

-These verses speak to the time in history when Christianity was being born. And as we see here, Christian community was in the home long before it was ever at a church.

-Pray

Introduction

-Matthew 13:44 (looks like hoarding was a thing then too!)

-now let me modernize and personalize this parable...

- A Costco multipack of toilet paper
- A case of hand sanitizer
- A box of 3M R95 masks

-But Jesus wasn't thinking about a global pandemic here...so what was He...

-First, it's a parable (stories that Jesus made up to illustrate and teach spiritual lessons)...and I see four here in this one.

1.) The Man = Every Person

-Jesus wants us to understand that even though there is so much in this life that differentiates us, there are still things we all share...

2.) The Field = Our Dream For Better Lives

-Part of the human experience is the capacity to dream, to believe that life can be better, especially in times of crisis like we are in now!

-Psalm 27:13

3.) The Treasure = Belonging to Jesus

- Usually treasures are something belonging to us...
- This level, it's a treasure to me...belonged to my grandfather
- Greatest treasure is your life will be belonging to Jesus!
- 2 Corinthians 4:7-9

4.) The Price = A Vow of Devotion

- the key is in the man selling everything he had...
- Luke 9:23-25
- Believing, respecting, admiring...but are you devoted to Him?

Thriving

-Pastor Justin and I met on Tuesday to talk about working together and coordinating our sermons for the next few weeks and this is the phrase we feel like the Holy Spirit gave to us...

It's time to thrive and not just survive!

-When we make a vow of devotion to Jesus, there is a part of us, something inside of us that comes alive! And that part of us needs some attention!

-So what does a life that belongs to Jesus that is thriving look like?

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-Every week we are going to point you to resources that are designed to give you and your family something to work on in response the message you have heard.

-letspraxis.com has a free download, a pdf...take a minute tonight to get that...

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- there will be a download link on the next screen
- AND you will get an email with a link too

-If you have never made a vow of devotion to Jesus...you will find a prayer in the Grace Chapter...it's time for you to have a field with the greatest treasure!

Pray...see you next week!