

The Voice – John Part 6 of 21

Blog for Sunday June 14, 2015

Wow, am I ever excited to see what I am seeing as people take on the John 21 Challenges. The “Wednesday Workshops” on constructing an effective personal testimony have been tremendous. Many of us that are applying ourselves are really growing through this series. I hope by now that you have gone back to cover the existing challenges as preparation for moving forward this week.

Tonight we have a great opportunity to worship together with *Second Edition*, a wonderful group from Lee University. Our worship service starts at 6pm.

Our challenge for this week has to do with John chapter 6 and it takes place on the following levels.

Challenge #1

I challenge you to identify the “garbage in-garbage out” principle at work in all of our lives. Seek to be very aware of any “garbage” getting into our mind, hearts and bodies. I challenge you to guard yourself against gossip and complaining in others, as well as hopelessness, fear, worry and even junk food. Let people know that you are not buying into such things. What are we viewing and engaging in that is polluting our spirit? Let’s avoid such nonsense. This is a week to be fed by the Lord and not consume the negativity of others or that of the culture.

A Daily Challenge for the Week

In John 6, Jesus “had in mind what he wanted to do”. I challenge you to begin each day this week in the Word. Decide before your day progresses how it is that you are going to handle all that comes your way-whether good, bad or indifferent things. I challenge you to walk and talk like a priest or ambassador on a mission for Christ. Regardless of what does or doesn’t happen each day this week, find a high calling and purpose wherever possible. Even the mundane tasks this week will have a higher purpose if you remain resolute. I challenge you to practice the Presence of the Lord in your car, at the grocery store and on the golf course as much as you can. Maintain an awareness of Christ as you rest, work, eat and even sleep. Let’s figure out what this looks like in our lives and pay attention to the results so they can be duplicated time and time again. Find a place of “active rest” in the power of the Holy Spirit

Please read chapters 6 and 7 three times this week and listen as well via www.biblegateway.com.

Discussion Points for Revisit Groups

1. Briefly share with one another the discipleship process you experienced as a new Christian or the lack of a “discipleship” process as a Christian. What could you not have done without? What do you need even now? Share a need with one another that you have to invest in another person’s walk with Christ.
2. What did you see for the first time in John 6 and what significance does it hold for you and or your ministry?
3. Now that we have progressed through six chapters of John, what are you learning/experiencing?
4. How do you feel about the challenges? Are you resisting? Dismissing? Why?