

Ordinary Community, Extraordinary God!

From the series: Acts... 30 Years that Changed the World – 04/21/13

PRAYING FOR OUR CITIES

*“And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. **Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare.**” Jeremiah 29:7*

The God of ALL cities calls us to pray for our cities. As a Community Group, pray for the city of Boston. Pray for the city/town where your Community Group gathers. Pray for the cities/towns where people in your Community Group live. Pray for the cities/towns where you grew up and may still have friends & family residing. God calls us to pray for our cities, so please take some time as a Community Group to pray for the ‘peace and prosperity’ of our cities.

BIG IDEA

God wants to use you to accomplish His work! It’s easy to believe that God wants to use someone else to accomplish the work of changing the world around you, but its you – God wants to use you! For those who would seek to be used by God rather than just being a spectator to the activity of God, here are a few things that you’d need to know...

1. you’d be ready for opposition.
2. you’d be ready to explain the activity of God.
3. you’d be with Jesus.
4. you’d be obedient to God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Consider the following quote from Bob Goff... *“He chose you and me. We are the means, the method, the object, and the delivery vehicles. God can use anyone for sure. If you can shred on a Fender or won “Best Personality,” you’re not disqualified – it just doesn’t make you more qualified. You see, God usually chooses ordinary people like us to get things done.”*

1. Why do we so quickly believe that God wants to use ‘someone else?’ Why is it so difficult for you to believe that God wants to use you to change the world around you? What lies might you be believing about God or yourself that is preventing you from being used by God in extraordinary ways?
2. Read **Acts 4:1-22**. As you consider the four things that we learn about being used by God from the example of Peter & John (see Big Idea above), as a Community Group, think through some practical & helpful ways in which we might be able to encourage and inspire one another to...
 - stand firm in the face of opposition,
 - be ready and prepared to explain the activity of God (transformation) taking place,
 - be with Jesus, living in and living out the gospels,
 - practice obedience to God rather than bending to the rules and regulations of man.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This Sunday** – we will continue our series in Acts... next up: **Acts 4:23-31**
- **NEW HOME** – The work at 35 Olympia Ave has begun! Although the major work is having to be contracted out, there will still be many ‘smaller & miscellaneous’ projects to get done before our move in date. Please **‘the City’** regularly to keep up to date with all of the needs moving forward.
- **SERVE** – GENESIS relies on a huge community of volunteers and we need you’re help! If not already serving, please consider serving in one of the following areas: Connections, GENESIS Kids, Student Ministries, Worship, Creative, Facilities. Learn more at: genesisthejourney.com/serve

“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.” Hebrews 10:24