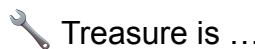


C's To Celebrate Father's Day

(Insights from Romans 16:1-16, 21-27)

Bob Johnson, June 17th, 2018, Grace Point Church



Treasure is ...

Prov. 2:3-5

Paul's C _____ Heart (Romans 16:1-16)



Success is ...

Ecc. 4:9-12



Character is ...

Col. 3:23



Influence is ...

Gal. 3:26-28

What A Caring Dad (& Mom) Looks Like ...

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Paul's C _____ Heart (Romans 16:17-20)

Paul's C _____ Heart (Romans 16:21-27)

(1 Corinthians 11:1, John 13:15, 1 Thessalonians 1:5-7; 2:8)

This Week's Discussion Guide:

Welcome to our second to last small group meeting until we take a summer break! After next week, we start a summer series at GPC and encourage groups to take a break from the normal routine and schedule some fun times together when schedules work out. Our groups will all start back up the week of September 9th for a brand new Fall Season.

Looking Back:

Each week we look back and have an opportunity to share with our group how the week went and also share a few lighter things to help us get to know each other better. What is something encouraging that happened since our last meeting you can be thankful for?

In light of Father's Day last Sunday and the importance of modeling that Bob talked about, and keeping in mind there are no perfect parents, what is one thing that you can say positive about your dad that provided for you an example to follow?

What is something you can remember you did that was fun for you and him?

One of the seasons of parenting Bob touched on in order to care for kids is being a Cop. Speaking of cops ... what is an experience that you have had with the police that comes to mind :) ? Did you learn anything from that experience?

The first insight Bob mentioned that is worth passing on to the next generation was "Treasure is worth digging for." When did you consider something valuable enough to dig for, search for, work for etc. ... how long did it take? Was it worth it?

Each week in 'looking back', we also want to give each other the opportunity to look back on the message and share what you found helpful, confusing, challenging, new etc. What truth or insight helped you or you would like to discuss further with our group?

Looking Up: (Digging Deeper into Scripture)

1. One of the insights from last Sunday that the Apostle Paul was a good example of, is that “Success is a team sport”. We are all different but we are better together. The body of Christ is made up of a unique group of people and our God-given assignments on the team can make like exciting and more meaningful.

At times, however, the variation of our strengths and abilities can result in some misunderstandings.

How does 1 Corinthians 12:4-27 help us appreciate the differences in our roles and clarify that there are no ‘non-essential people’ on the team?

2. Most of us wouldn’t want to be known as the person that sat on the bench, unwilling to get in the game and join the team in making a difference when we had the opportunity. Yet, we all know that staying motivated to serve others regularly, and/or playing our role, can be difficult at times.

How might the following verses help us stay motivated and keep a vision for making a consistent positive difference?

Ephesians 2:10
Ephesians 6:7-8
Matthew 25:37-46
1 Thessalonians 5:12-15

3. One of seasons of parenting Bob mentioned is being a ‘Caring Consultant’. Beyond parenting, we all need the counsel from others.

Read the following verses from Proverbs that encourage us to seek Godly counsel as we live our lives:

Proverbs 11:14, 12:15, 13:10, 15:31-33, 19:20, 24:6, 27:9

Can you share a time when you were helped by the advice or counsel from a Christian brother or sister?

Were there ever a time when the counsel you received was helpful but also a bit uncomfortable?

Looking Ahead: (Personal Application)

This last section is based on passages like the one below:

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. 23 For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. 24 You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. 25 But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

James 1:22-25 (NLT)

Let’s take a few minutes to silently pray and reflect back on this last week’s message and what we discussed in our group. As we reflect, let’s all pray and ask God for a specific application that He might prompt us to live out.

To help us as we reflect, here are some possible applications to get us thinking

- In light of “treasure is worth digging for”, what specific habit would be helpful for you to ask God for renewed effort to be consistent at?
- Where in your life are you serving and/or obeying God and are relying more on other people’s approval/recognition/motivation rather than on God’s strength and living for His approval?
- Where in your life is God calling you to “go against the grain” (be less in line with the cultural current around you)?
- Knowing that modeling is the best motivator, what is God calling you to do so that you can be a better example to others?

Based on this discussion and last Sunday’s message, is there any other application that God might prompt you to put into practice?

Before we wrap up, let’s share some prayer requests and pray for each other.