



Leader Notes

Is it a Sin to be Average?

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1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Jeremiah 9:23-24

Devotional Seed:

How is being average helpful to our spiritual growth? Make the connection with humility and openness to God

Deeper Roots:

1. What is inappropriate and appropriate boasting? These texts talk about boasting in God. In some ways this is not really boasting as we see it, but rather an expression of praise.
2. What kind of people does God work with? What examples from scripture can you think of to illustrate this. The text refers to the lowly and despised. Examples May be fearful Gideon, lustful Samson, common fisherman disciples, Women as witnesses of resurrection. Zacheus the tax collector
3. Why does God choose to work in average people more often than exceptional people? The whole concept of being average is being the kind of person who will not take glory for himself. God uses humble people so that he gets the credit and the glory.
4. What does Christ do for us average sinners? (1 Corinthians 1:30)? Dave made large reference to this in the sermon showing that Christ brings wisdom, righteousness and redemption and holiness to us average sinners.
5. Why is the cross foolishness to some? It is not a powerful glorious miracle by world standards, but rather a shameful suffering service. The Resurrection also can be dismissed as improbably by worldly wisdom.

Bearing Fruit:

1. Do you find the thought of being average liberating or defeating?
2. How does a culture of excellence work against your contentment and growth as an average Christian?
3. In your group show some examples of how you can boast in the Lord.

Branching Out:

Easter is around the corner. Plan now to invite someone to the Easter Sunday service. If we do not plan ahead, these invitations do not happen.