

Welcome to New Life !

We are very pleased you are here. It is an honor to have you as our guest today! This information is provided to help you feel welcome and "at home."

Worship in Singing & Giving

- We leave how to worship up to you as an individual. During **singing** worship some people remain seated, some stand, others kneel, many clap, and some lift their hands. The outward expression is not the issue - it is what is in your heart that counts. Just relax and enjoy the presence of God.
- If you would like to receive personal **prayer** during worship with singing, you may go to one of the Prayer Teams located at the back of the sanctuary.
- Invitation is given for **tithes and offerings**. If you are our guest, please do not feel obligated to contribute when God's tithes and offerings are received.

Worship in Sharing God's Love

Expressions of greeting and God's love are extended to all, especially to our guests.

Worship in Meditating on God's Word

Teaching from the Bible for about 35 minutes.

We encourage you to use our **staffed Nursery** [which has a private nursing room] and **Children's Churches** during the service. Please ask an usher for assistance in locating the various rooms.

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LEAVE BOLDLY

"What kind of legacy are we leaving?"

1 Corinthians 3:12-14

Are you building sandcastles that get washed away?

God has planted a deep desire within each of us to live a life that matters, to leave a lasting legacy on this earth.

1 Corinthians 3:12-14 "If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the **fire will test the quality of each man's work**. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward."

"Materials That Build a Lasting Legacy"

1. CONVICTIONS

- Photography is not one of my convictions; it is only a growing hobby.

- If a person doesn't live it out, it is not a conviction.

Matthew 7:26 "But if you just use My words in Bible studies and **don't work them into your life**, you are like a stupid carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach." The Message

- You don't really believe something unless you live it out.

- Convictions are those personalized core values out of God's Word; therefore, they never change.

Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God stands forever."

God's values are rock solid in a shaky world.

- A belief is something you hold on to, but a conviction is something that grips you.

2. CHARACTER

- Your character distinguishes who you are.

Romans 8:29 "God knew what He was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset **to shape the lives of those who love Him** along the same lines as the life of His Son ..." The Message

• The Holy Spirit chips away all the character faults and flaws that don't look like Christ.

• He uses three basic tools:

1) Problems - make me more like Christ, if I have the right attitude

2) Pressures - bring out the best or the worst in us

3) People - who rub us the wrong way, are heavenly sandpaper God uses to smooth our rough edges

3. COMMUNITY

• Christianity is all about relationship, both with God and our fellow man.

Luke 10:40b-42 “Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work all by myself? Tell her to help me.” The Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha! You worry and fuss about a lot of things. There's only one thing you need. Mary has made the right choice ...”

• Community is huge, especially in keeping the body of Christ together.

• The house you live in, everything you own on this earth (car, business, bank account) is a sandcastle.

• It's the relationship that goes on inside that castle that's important. Life is not just about you!

The moment you die, you don't take anything with you except your convictions, your character and your relationship with God and those you've relationally mentored to become a fully developed follower of Christ.

- It is Time to Make it Count -

Is there a difference between the legacy you are building, and the one you want to leave behind?

Reality is not about building sandcastles. Reality is that this life on earth will end for each of us. The most important thing is living your life with eternity always in view, and deliberately leaving a meaningful, lasting legacy on earth.

So, what do you need to do with the rest of your days on earth, to reshape your legacy so it will be worthwhile?

“LEAVE BOLDLY”

For personal or small group study

Week of October 5, 2008

*We are leaving a legacy, whether we realize it or not. The question is what type of legacy are we leaving? Our lives are temporary, but they can make an eternal impact. The only way to make the type of impact that we desire is to pour into the investment with the greatest returns: *people*. [Watch session five on DVD]*

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What influenced you the most about Session 5 of the DVD presentation? Pastor Kerry said, “*God has placed within every one of our hearts the desire to live a life that will outlast us.*” In what areas of your life do you most sense the desire to leave a lasting legacy behind?

2. Which day's reading affected you the most this week? What can we learn from the “Sandcastles” reading about building our lives on a foundation that lasts? Discuss the “**Make it Last for Life**” section of as many days as you can and make a plan to put as many as possible into practice.

3. **Read Matthew 6:19-20 and 2 Corinthians 4:18.** Compare and contrast the differences between treasures on earth and treasures in heaven. Why is our world consumed with accumulating treasures on earth?

What do you think the life of someone who stores up treasures in heaven looks like? How do we see the unseen, and how do we discern between the temporary and the eternal?

If you knew you had one month to live, how would you store up treasures for yourself in heaven and invest in the things of eternity?

4. **Read 1 John 2:17 and Psalm 37:3-5** plus the third full paragraph on page 198 and the second full paragraph on page 199 from your book “*One Month to Live*”. What does the life of someone who pursues the will of God look like versus the life of someone who pursues the desires of the world? Describe what it looks like to wrestle the steering wheel away from God. Why do we try to do this?

If you knew you had one month to live, how would you pursue the will of God differently during the time you had remaining?

5. **The sermon and sermon notes:** Which of the “materials” did you relate to the most in the “**Materials that Build a Lasting Legacy**”? Discuss the difference between a belief and a conviction.

A LOOK INSIDE

If you are going to leave a legacy for others that is rooted in the Word of God, discuss the importance of reading, studying, and enjoying His Word for yourself.