

Making Memories Wk. 2 - Lasting Memories

ICE BREAKER: What traditions do you carry on from past generations? What traditions did you jettison as soon as you had a chance?

1. What insight, principles or observations did you take away from this Sunday's message?

Pastor Brian makes the distinction between our reputation and our legacy. Our reputation is now focused and is our public persona. Legacy is the effect of our lives beyond us. A reputation can be made in a moment. A legacy is built over time.

2. Who is the beneficiary of a reputation? Who is the beneficiary of a legacy?

3. What kind of legacy should Christians seek to leave? (Psalm 78:4, 2 Timothy 2:2, 2 Peter 1:12-15)

Psalm 78:4 (NIV) *We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.*

2 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV) *You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.*

2 Peter 1:12-15 (NIV) *So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. 13 I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, 14 because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. 15 And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.*

2 Timothy 4:6-8 (NIV) *For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearin*

4. What kind of legacy does Paul leave?

5. What does Paul say he has done to leave that legacy?

3 Areas of Faithfulness that Lead to a Lasting Legacy

- Being Faithful to Encounter God
- Being Faithful to Grow in Community
- Being Faithful to Live Our Calling

2 Timothy 3:14-17 *But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

6. How does 2 Timothy 3:14-17 address the 3 Areas of Faithfulness?

7. What do you think it means to Encounter God faithfully in our lives?
8. What are ways we can Encounter God faithfully in our lives? How can doing so help to build a lasting legacy?
9. What do you think it means to Grow in Community faithfully in our lives?
10. What are ways we can Grow in Community faithfully in our lives? How can doing so help to build a lasting legacy?
11. What do you think it means to Live Our Calling faithfully in our lives?
12. What are ways we can Live Our Calling faithfully in our lives? How can doing so help to build a lasting legacy?
13. What area of faithfulness would you like to grow in? What steps can you take to see growth and build on your legacy and the legacy of Christ?
14. How have you grown or what new steps have you taken since the beginning of the Circle Group semester that started in September?

We know that the spiritual legacy we leave will have eternal ramifications.

“The greatest legacy one can pass on to one’s children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one’s life, but rather a legacy of character and faith.” - Billy Graham