

MY NAME IS GOD: Week 9

4.6.14

[WARM-UP]

There is a song by a singer-songwriter named Tim Timmons called “**Christ In Me.**”

The song says, “what if I believed in your power and I really lived it?”

He answers that question in the chorus by singing:

“Then I would lay my burdens down, and see these hills and level ground.”

and later,

“I would praise You with my life, let my story lift you high.”

Take a few moments in your LifeGroup and admit where your life does not reflect what you claim to believe. The truth is that all of us, in one way or another, truly prove to not believe by the ways in which we live our lives - what is it for you?

[DIGGING DEEPER]

In the sermon this weekend we talked about the sheep on the other side of the fence - those who do not enjoy the care of the Good Shepherd. I wonder, honestly, if a lot of people don't look at Christian people and think to themselves, “why in the world would I want to live under the care of their God?”

Isn't that sad? To think that our lives are so frantic, filled, and joyless that others might look in on our lives and say, “I really don't want that.”

1. How are you stiff-arming the Shepherd?
2. How are you making a mockery of the Shepherd's good name?
3. When was the last time that you truly rested and enjoyed the “green pastures” and the “table set before you?”
4. What kind of accountability needs to be put into your life so that you might actually see change in your life?
5. What kinds of prayers do you need to pray and ask others to pray over your life?
6. If you were a non-Christian looking in on your life, what might you see?

[LIVING IT OUT]

To be honest - the wacky part about all of this is that you can't fix the problems - the goal is to merely allow the Holy Spirit to do the work that He has been sent to do. We need to stop trying to escape and allow our hearts to be challenged, changed, refreshed, and restored.

This can't be a “now get out there and work harder and being Jesusy!” type of moment. Rather, it's the opposite. Slow down and spend time with the Shepherd and enjoy the peace and joy of all that He has provided - even in the valley.