

Normal People, Dangerous Prayers

Main Scripture: Luke 1:5-13, 1:26-38

Additional Scriptures: Isaiah 53:2, 1st Corinthians 1:27, 1st Peter 5:5

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- **Read Isaiah 53:2.** Pastor Mike said “Jesus met us in our ordinariness. Before He fixed us, He felt us.” Does this change the way you look at witnessing and reaching out to those who don’t know Jesus? How do we reach out to the lost in our and their ordinariness?
- **Read 1st Peter 5:5.** “When His favor touches your inadequacy, watch out!” Retell the story of William Seymour, the black, one-eyed preacher in the early 20th century and all the things and people who opposed him and how all he had going for him was God’s favor... the result was a revival that broke out at Azusa Street that has changed the world.
 - How can God use *your* inadequacy for His kingdom?
 - How has He used your ordinariness in the past for His glory?
- **Read 1st Corinthians 1:27.** God love using people who are ordinary and inadequate. Why do you think God loves using the ordinary, the inadequate, the normal, uneducated fisherman, college students, single moms, etc?
- **Read Luke 1:38.** Mary prayed a dangerous prayer of complete and utter surrender to God, even though she may not have fully understood what that meant. What is the dangerous prayer that God has laid on your heart?
 - Share with the small group what that prayer is and pray with one another to let God use you in that way.
 - If you don’t know one, then pray to God to reveal a dangerous prayer to you for your life!!
- Jim Elliot prayed, “God, I ask not for a long life, but a full life.” Would you be willing to pray that prayer? What are some aspects, people, or things in your life would hold you back from praying that prayer?

Doing: Application

- Pray this week for an opportunity for God to use your ordinariness for His glory and the advancement of His kingdom. Come back next week and share how God uses you in your ordinariness and inadequacy.