

Connection Group Homework

For the week of October 15/16, 2016

Getting Started:

1. If you were to create a campaign slogan for your life, what would it be?

The Message:

2. What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Explain.

3. According to the message, what are the 2 main talking points of the Gospel Party Platform?

4. How did the Roman Centurion's understanding of the chain of command impact his understanding of faith and the power of Jesus (Matthew 8:8-9)?

5. Tim shared a quote he came across in a commentary on Matthew: *Hell is not a doctrine used to frighten unbelievers; it is a doctrine used to warn those who think themselves believers.* How does this explain the fact that whenever Jesus spoke of Hell, he was speaking primarily to Pharisees and religious leaders?

6. Using Matthew 8:5-13, Tim explained that it takes 2 things to enter the Kingdom. What were they and how did the Roman Centurion exemplify them?

My Life:

7. Tim described how many of us claim Jesus is Lord of our lives, but in reality (even as Christians!) we are ruled by “little g” gods that can overwhelm our devotion to Jesus – things like rage, hatred, fear, money, addiction, jealousy, even our children. Can you think of ways you may be, or may have been in the past, ruled by “little g” gods? How did you, or how can you, “dethrone” those things and really let Jesus be Lord of your life?

8. Tim talked about how when he wears his Air Force uniform, he realizes that wherever he is, what he does and how he behaves reflects on the Air Force and even on this country. Have you ever thought about the fact that your life and your behavior reflects on Jesus? Are you comfortable with that? Why or why not?

9. According to the message, you cannot separate faith from obedience. What does that mean and how do you see that playing out in your own life?
