The Heart of a Christian Leader

TOM SCRIVENS / STAND ALONE SERMON

16th October 2022

- LIFE GROUP NOTES -

**Key Truth/Principle:** Be arrested by the gospel

**Key Verse(s):** Philippians 1:3-13, 27-28

**KEY QUESTIONS**

1. **On Sunday Tom spoke about the fact that Paul was gripped by the gospel. He was in some ways an exceptional man, but his life is to be an example to us (1 Corinthians 11:1).**

* Have we been 'gripped by’ the gospel just as Paul was?
* What would it look like if that were the case?
* What other causes might be competing with the cause of the gospel in our lives?

1. **What do you think the Philippians 'partnership in the gospel' looked like with Paul?**

* What could our partnership look like together as Christians in Redeemer Church, but also in our wider family of churches?

1. **How can we in our Life Groups and in our community as a church strive side by side for the gospel in the weeks and months to come? Map out on a big piece of paper what that might practically look like.**

Note how Paul has his spiritual eyes fixed on the day of Jesus Christ, on his return. Take some time to praise God for this sure and certain hope that Paul had and that we can have.

**\*\* TOP TIPS \*\***

**Making the most of your time together**

**Remember people are indwelt with the spirit – expect them to have something to bring – most just need permission and clarity, and yearn for depth.**

* **WELCOME:** Have fun, involve everyone, keep it moving
* **WORSHIP:** Deliberately LEAD people into stepping out – most people appreciate specific guidance and feel released to know how to participate (e.g. let’s read a Psalm together and use the words to help us worship, let’s listen to this song, let’s sing now, let’s have a time of prophecy and hearing from God, if you feel you want to start a song please do). Encourage gifts!
* **PRAYER:** Weave into all you do, respond to things as they come up and help people by being specific (e.g. let’s all go round and pray shorts prayers thanking God for a particular characteristic
* **WORD**: Some folks would not have been there on Sunday – don’t; worry too much about recapping, just dive into questions. Splitting people into pairs/small groups with specific question and a time frame usually brings out the best discussion and involvement of everyone.