



Discussion Guide for the week of April 3, 2011

Sermon Topic: Who you Befriend, Part 1 – 1 Corinthians 15, 2 Corinthians 6 – Norman Furley

Introduction: Our series continues as we turn our attention to the issue of whom we befriend. What you believe, how you behave and whom you befriend define who you are.

Study Questions:

1. Give examples of friends that had a positive influence on your spiritual growth and those that had a negative influence. Why is it important to monitor who and what is having an influence on your thinking?

Working definition of a Friend: Anyone or anything that you allow to influence your view of God, yourself & the world around you. They point you to knowing a particular path, walking a particular path and talking about a particular path. Explain your understanding of this definition. Why is “anything” included in this definition of a friend? What would be examples of this?

2. Describe some of the paths that we can be influenced to choose by our friends. (money matters, path of the most known, potential, beautiful; social media – feeding things to us from strangers) How can we be led to paths that are not our reality?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 and 30-32. What are some things Paul did to point the Corinthians to the path of Tsdeek? Why is it important to remind each other of the power and work of the resurrection of Christ? What does verse 33 mean to you? How have you seen this to be true?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 6. Describe the characteristics of a friend that point to the path of Tsadeek. How does this shape whom you befriend? What do you need to do to be a friend to others that point to the path of Tsadeek? What are some principles for how we are to properly relate to non-believers?
5. What is the application of the principles of this sermon for you?