

Hope Chapel Series: “Staying on the Path of Life” part 1

Message Summary: Real life is complex. Life can feel a bit difficult and at times random pain and crisis come out of nowhere. We can feel like life isn't working very well at all. No one can ever win the real game of life, but we can live life in such a way to make everything work how God intended. God has given us a road map. If you feel as if life isn't working very well right now; there is something we all need to do. God would tell us today, “consider your ways” and “I'll show you the path of life”.

When Life Goes Sideways

1. Consider your circumstances

- A. God uses circumstances to get our attention.** Matthew 16:2-3
- B. God uses circumstances to change our direction.** Hebrews 12:11
- C. God uses circumstances to grow our realization.** Hebrews 5:12-14

2. Consider your connection (with God) - John 15:4-5

- A. Connect with humility.** Psalm 69:32
- B. Connect with pursuing.** Psalm 105:4
- C. Connect with turning.** Jeremiah 5:25

3. Consider your choices - Deuteronomy 30:19-20

- A. The choice to love God - “loving the LORD your God”**
- B. The choice to trust God - “obeying Him”**
- C. The choice to follow God - “committing yourself firmly to Him”**

LifeGroup QUESTIONS: All LifeGroups are on Summer Break

OPEN IT (5min) - What advice would you give to someone who wanted some practical wisdom on how to live a happy life?

EXPLORE IT (60min) – Review Sunday's sermon outline and allow the group to share their notes and comments.

Now answer the following questions:

1. How has God used circumstances to get your attention, change your direction or help you realize something He was trying to tell you?
2. How has painful circumstances influenced your connection with God?
3. Discuss the three ways we connect with God (humility – pursuing – turning). Discuss each Scripture.
4. Discuss the key to life. How is loving God, trusting God and following God keys to life? Share your own experiences with this.

APPLY IT (15min) - Are you willing to “consider your ways?” What are things in your life that He may be asking you to “consider”?