

Introduction: We have been laying foundation for the last 8 weeks out of the book of 1st Timothy, regarding church life, doctrine and culture withing the local church. We have been building the cultural, theological relational architecture of LifeHouse Church. We have been building teams and ministries that reflect our values for the Local Church – the household of God – the Church of the living God

Childrens ministry, First impressions min, setup/teardown, projection, worship, prayer ministry/intercession, care and concern – we even had a ministry team serve the teachers here at Coyote Hills 100 meals at lunch time for teacher appreciation.

We are building the household of God

This week and last week – I began a discussion taken from Mt 18 – this is very relevant to Timothy and the pastoral epistles because Jesus is discussing and introducing some foundational thoughts and concepts that cause and allow the Household of God to thrive...

Jesus is communicating that in order to grow in a healthy community of God there are some key thoughts that must be present

TITLE: What you think about matters! Consider that for a minute. WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT MATTERS.

The reason it matters is because you matter, You are incredibly valued and important in this world. Your life has meaning and value and if you were not here there would be a painful void in your absence.

What you think about matters – because what you think about has the potential to create something amazing- you and I are meaning makers!

What you think about matters- because what you think about describes the collection of stories that have been written in your heart over the course of your life.

What are the stories that make up your life?

- Stories of great accomplishments, stories of significant pain, stories of adventure, stories of relationships
- How we process these stories matter, how we have written these stories make a difference – **What you think about matters** -

Prov 23:7 “As a man thinks in his heart, that’s who he really is, its not what he says

Gen. 50:20 As **for** you, you **meant** evil against me, *but* **God meant** it **for good** in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

Rom. 8:28 And we know that God causes **all things to work together for good** to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

I. Read Mt. 18: 11-14

1. Jesus is in the business of rescuing and recovery of lost things

- a. These verses gives us a redemptive perspective of pain (reframing our pain)

This is where I was – This is where Jesus met me – This is where I am now

2. 3 areas we go astray/cause to stumble (synonyms skandalidzo / planao)

- b. Another person- has any one ever caused you to stumble
- c. Worldly systems and ideals – have you ever struggled with the imposters of triumph/tragedy
- d. Self- do you have any self-inflicted wounds (eye,hand, foot)

3. We are at our best in a culture of care (company of shepherds)

Illustration- Trees in my yard branch broke – I supported, wrapped, prayed, spoke life. It became the strong point

- a. 100 sheep represents a place of wholeness – a place of purpose
- b. The one – is that area that has gone astray, stumbled, lost
- c. Finding it- is Gods redemptive love, learning to reframe our pain. (celebration of restoration)

4. What we think about the Fathers love matters –

Illustration- My grandfather came and picked me up from jail and took me fishing – from that 1 action I saw the “fathers love for me”

- a. Receive the Fathers love – change your thinking and allow vulnerability

What you think matters because the Spirit of God gave you purpose-

Close your eyes – decide what you want- go after it!

II. Closing

- 1. Do you have any lost things that cause you pain
- 2. Do you need help reframing your pain
- 3. Do you need to receive the Fathers love