TAKE THE PLUNGE

Talk 1: All In

1. Have you ever felt the gap between your life and what you have heard about Jesus?
2. What is the prophecy about in Ezekiel 47?
3. Where does the river start and where does it end? What will happen at its ending point?
4. Has there been something like a race or business decision, where you weren’t sure of every detail, but you took the plunge? What was the outcome?
5. Have you come to a place in your relationship with Christ where you are full on? Do you want to be all in with Jesus?
6. God is both massive and meticulous. How does that encourage you today?
7. How can you be open to or more aware of moments where God is at work around you?
8. Who is in control of your destiny?
9. How did Jesus take the plunge and let the river of life flow?

Talk 2: So Long Kiddie Pool

1. What is God’s dream for all believers?
2. What are your major goals in life?
3. Looking at Ephesians 4:13, what is God’s goal for our spiritual maturity?
4. There is nothing wrong with the kiddie pool. When does it become weird as it relates to our growth?
5. Christ went “all in” for us on the cross. What should our response be?
6. Why does God put spiritual leaders in our lives?
7. What do people think about in the kiddie in the pool? How does that change as we mature?
8. Thomas Edison once said, “Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work”. What does it look like to join with God and work towards maturity?
9. Louie mentions some areas that God is challenging us to take a step in: (spiritual formation, speech and conduct, guilty pleasures, daily outlook, capacity to give, intimacy with Jesus). What is a practical step you can take in one or more of these areas?
10. Looking back in your life with Jesus, how He has led you into maturity?
TALK 3: THE OCEAN OF GRACE

1. When you think about spiritual maturity, do we have to just do better or try harder?
2. Who did Jesus come for? Who needs Jesus?
3. How did Jesus respond to the Pharisees in John 8?
4. How did Jesus show the woman grace?
5. In John 15, we see Jesus will go after the one lost sheep. How does heaven respond when one sinner repents?
6. Jesus healed Mary Magdalene and she was included in His inner circle. Would it be hard for you to bring someone like that into your circle?
7. Where is the source of the ocean of grace?
8. Where do we find our healing?
9. Where does God’s grace invite us?
10. Can you earn or sustain grace? According to Ephesians 2, who is grace for?
11. Because of grace, you are completely, radically, deeply, eternally loved and forgiven by Jesus. How does this truth empower you to change your life?
12. The ocean of grace has a current towards the heart of God. How have you felt His grace move you towards Jesus?

TALK 4: SWEET SURRENDER

1. Who is the invitation for in Isaiah 55?
2. Ezekiel and Isaiah both reference a river of life. Who is the river?
3. What is the difference between drinking of the things of Jesus and drinking of Jesus?
4. Louie compares two different lives with two pictures: A boat tied down into a kiddie pool and Victoria Falls. How is one more accurate than the other? Where do the falls lead?
5. How can you begin to surrender to the current, to the ways of God?
6. Louie mentions three reasons we do not surrender.
   1. We don’t want to give up control
   2. We don’t want any tough turns
   3. We don’t know the destination

   How can we begin to let go in each of these areas?
7. What is Jesus’ surrender story?
8. Where does the story end?
9. What is in the middle of our story that broadcasts that God is not safe, but He is good?
10. What river(s) do you go to in search of satisfaction?
11. How does Romans 8:10-14 change your idea of surrender? How does verse 15-17 give you hope?
12. Louie mentions these four words:
   1. untie
   2. trust
   3. work
   4. expect

   Spend some time and practically go through each word. How can you begin to make steps to surrender to Jesus?