



SOUL CRAVINGS: Topic #3:

A Contagious Faith

This is the 3rd of 5 weekly topics for individuals or small groups @ South Abbotsford that introduces a creative approach to relational evangelism in partnership with Power to Change

WELCOME: (10 minutes)

Which of the following words best describe your life this past week and why?

- Discouragement – Joy – Boredom – Uncertainty - Anticipation

REFLECTIONS: (40 minutes)

Text: Colossians 3: 1-4, 15-17.

Take some time to read and reflect on these verses. Read it once or twice audibly in the group/personally and then silently. Reflect on the picture you receive of our life in Christ.

- 1. How do these verses describe what the Christian life was designed to look like?**
- 2. How closely does that mirror your experience of life in Christ right now? What barriers keep you from the Biblical ideal?**

Jesus clearly taught us that we speak out of the overflow of what is in our hearts. In other words, we will naturally take about what is important to us. To give witness to Christ, when we don't treasure him above all else, is hypocritical. It is to live a lie. Notice that in the Colossians text, our songs, conversations and challenges to others will be the natural overflow of a life that abides in Christ and his words. **This whole focus on relational evangelism is really pointless, if our lives are not centered on Jesus; if we don't treasure him above all else.**

- 3. We talk about what we are excited about! Nobody has to show us how or what to say. We can't be shut up! So honestly, what are the things that excite you these days? That you talk about?**
- 4. For anything to remain meaningful to us, it must be kept fresh. Even the best experiences (movie, hockey game, vacation, etc), after the passing of time, become "cliché" recollection stories that lose their vitality. It is the same with our faith. What are you doing to keep it fresh? Vital? To stoke the ember to a flaming fire?**
- 5. Read Jeremiah 20:9: Is that how you feel about the good news? Why or why not? What would it take to have a contagious faith like Jeremiah?**

ACTION POINTS:

- Go back to the "Friend List" you made last week. Discuss together how these friendships are developing over the past week. Any new opportunities to build these friendships? Any open doors for spiritual conversations? Anyone else that God has prompted you to place on the top of the list?
- Take time to **pray together** for these friends. If possible, create a compiled list that is distributed to everybody to take home and pray over daily.

- Hopefully everyone had a chance to **attend a service on Sunday, April 11** and hear Len Buhler (Power to Change) speak in our service on these themes. If you missed it, go online at www.southabbotsford.com and **listen** to his testimony and challenge.

PLANNING AHEAD:

- If you were at our Sunday service (April 11) you will have received a free copy of Soul Cravings Prequel. If at all possible, read through this fascinating booklet before next Sunday. If you missed the service, ONE copy of the booklet is available for you at the church office.
- Soul Cravings Evangelism Training: You are invited to participate in our unique relational evangelism training on April 18 and 25 at 9:45am at South Abbotsford Church. Bring your booklet, and come as a small group if possible. Please note that child-care will be provided for nursery through elementary ages!

You may also want to check out the website www.icravechange.com