Connect Lesson April 2-3, 2022 Larry Stockstill "Lighthouse"

Message Recap

I.

Like a ship sailing on dark water, those who do not have Jesus as their guiding light are subject to the many spiritual dangers of life. But Jesus has called us as believers to be like a lighthouse, providing light and guidance to safe harbor in Jesus. Just like the prisms that magnify and enhance the light shone from a lighthouse, we as Christians must be aligned with God and each other in order to maximize the Church's reach around the world.

II.

Three lessons that we can learn from a lighthouse:

- 1. Character (The Story of Job)
 - a. Job 1:1 Blameless and upright; feared God be turned away from evil
 - b. A life of integrity is a life that refuses to compromise
 - c. You need people who can challenge you when you get off course
 - d. Integrity follows the fear of the Lord
 - e. Integrity is whole not partial (Root word integer = "whole number"
 - f.
- 2. Consistency (Daniel)
 - a. Daniel 6:10 He consistently prayed every day
 - b. He had the ability to say no to himself He said "no" to the King's food
 - c. Daniel stayed consistent over the course of 4 different rulers
 - d. Consistency in the dark can make your light brighter
 - e. The devil loves inconsistency
- 3. Courage (Noah)
 - a. Hebrews 11:7 He became an heir by faith
 - b. He did what no one else would He trusted God and obeyed
 - c. Noah prepared to rescue those in an unseen future
 - d. Courage is a heart issue
 - e. encouraged // discouraged
 - f. Noah looked at the "why" not the "how"
 - g. Our "why" is people

Read and Discuss

Read Job 1:1

- 1. How do we stay blameless and upright like Job?
- 2. Are there areas in your life that are not whole?

Read Daniel 6:10

- 1. What are your spiritual habits like? Are you consistent?
- 2. What advice would you have for someone who is looking to become consistent?

Read Hebrews 11:7

- 1. Why was Noah counted as an heir?
- 2. WHat was Noah's "why" behind building the ark?
- 3. What is your "why" in life?

Scripture Reading

Job 1:1

In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil.

Daniel 6:10

10 Daniel always prayed to God three times every day. Three times every day, he bowed down on his knees to pray and praise God. Even though Daniel heard about the new law, he still went to his house to pray. He went up to the upper room of his house and opened the windows that faced toward Jerusalem. Then Daniel bowed down on his knees and prayed just as he always had done.

Hebrews 11:7

7 By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.