



³ I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. ⁴ My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. *1 Corinthians 4:3-4*



What's one thing that you tried really hard to do/achieve but never quite made it?

1. Ps Stan said at the start of his message, “I tried caring about everything – and I’m exhausted.” Where do you feel the pressure to care, get it right, or do more in life right now?

Read Romans 1:1-7

2. Paul identifies himself firstly as a slave of Christ – it is a declaration of belonging to Jesus rather than self. How does a person belonging to Jesus, live or look different to a person belonging to themselves?
3. Paul is confident that his identity is shaped by three things, belonging (slave), purpose (apostle), and priority (set apart for the Gospel). If these remain true for each follower of Jesus which of them, do you personally find the most challenging?
 - How can you as a group encourage each other to live out the faith we are called to?

Read Romans 1:14-17

4. Paul says “I am obligated” – not out of guilt but out of gratitude. Where in scripture are we called in a similar way?
 - How does understanding the grace we have received change the motivation behind sharing our faith or serving others?
5. Romans 1: 16 is Paul declaring that he is not ashamed of the Gospel – what makes it hard sometimes to live openly, confidently and joyfully as a follower of Jesus & to share this with others?
6. Ps Stan finished his message with the following statements;
 - We belong to Jesus
 - We are changed by Jesus
 - We are sent by Jesus
 - We carry JesusWhat do each of these statements mean to you? How would our lives be transformed if we rested in and believed these statements to an ever-increasing degree each day as we come to know Jesus more?
7. We are not called to do better so God will love us, but we are told that we are loved – and to live from that position of knowledge – what would change this week if we believed that?
8. This week, let’s daily remind ourselves (and perhaps send a text to others in the group) “I don’t need to earn what Jesus has already given.”