SG1 - "Self Assessment in Light of Our First Love" (Rev. 2:4-5)

Rebuild: Re-Habituating Our Life in Christ

Total Devotion '16 - '17

***The intro message for our series can be found on www.totaldevotionmbcla.wordpress.com (Oct. 11, 2016 post) or www.td.mbcla.org (under Messages). My apologies for the lower audio quality. The recorder was in my pocket, and I didn't know the lapel mic wasn't working ☹ So, unfortunately, you do hear the mic rubbing against my pocket once in a while (especially in the beginning), but it is still listen-able and its content and questions are strongly worth your time and consideration for the rebuilding of your Christian life. - Arthur***

Remodeling vs. Rebuilding

1. What's the difference between a remodel and a rebuild? When would you choose one over the other, and why?
2. Read Revelations 2:1-7 and thoughtfully and sensitively process what Jesus had to say to the Ephesians. What was Jesus really trying to express to them? Was this more of a command or a plea? Was it objective or subjective?
3. Of the 7 churches in Revelations 2 and 3, which church do you personally most closely resemble? Which church does our church most closely resemble, in your opinion? Why?
4. In assessing your own life, would you say that you are in need of a remodel, a rebuild, or neither? (Don't be afraid to share what you really think. Don't answer what you think you should answer or what you think others will expect. Just be honest.)

**"Where there is no vision, the people perish" Prov. 29:18**

1. What if you just read the Bible and got what you know church should be from there, how would you build a church? What would it look like?
2. How do you think our church fairs, comparative to what you see in Scripture? Discuss.
3. What about Christians? If the gauge we are to have is how the Bible prescribes Christians to live, are the Christians you know recognizable, biblically speaking? Is your Christianity biblically recognizable? The key word here is "biblically," because we all have our own ideas of what Christian living should look like, and by those ideas, even some non-Christians are living good "Christian" lives.
4. Arthur shared a 3-pronged approach to life and ministry - Upward, Outward, Downward - that he says we need to live by (from 38:45 - 50:00 of the message). Are those components present in your life? Is there a prong that you need more of in your life?

**Homework**

1. In highlighting the ministry of Show Hope on Friday, we wanted to expose you to Downward prong ministry, by highlighting their work with children who have been orphaned.
2. If you're new to TD, you should know that TD sponsors 7 orphaned children (3 girls with special needs in China with Show Hope, and 4 boys with Rafiki Foundation). God is caring for them through TD's generous and consistent giving
3. We encourage you to join in making a monthly pledge towards helping support these kids. Tell your small group leader this Friday. It can be any amount you want. Check out www.showhope.org for more information on Show Hope.
4. Begin researching ways to serve your local community - Outward and/or Downward - and see what opportunities are there for you to represent Christ in society. We will provide opportunities through TD as well, but do some of your own research as well.