



LOOP Leader Study Guide The Born Series - Week 3 Pastor Tim Chambers

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Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Tim opened his message by stressing that these crazy times are a time when we need to put aside our differences and help each other get through this. **Read John 17:20-21**; Everyone in our circle of family, friends, and the church body needs to know they are valued and loved. How are you staying connected with others during this time of social distancing? Pastor Tim said that perhaps God has allowed us to come to this point of time to drive us to our knees. How can we find unity together on our knees? (we realize we are all in the same boat, we realize that in the end God is the true source of all hope and strength)
2. Pastor Tim shared several scriptures of hope and unity. Read each one or have others in your group take one to read. Discuss as anyone feels the need. **1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:11-13; Colossians 3:13-14; Psalm 133:1; 1 John 4:12**. Pastor Tim said our greatest work is bringing the gospel of Christ to a lost and dying world before the final return of Christ. As Jesus said: (read Matthew 24:14) We need to be about our Master's business while we can do it. And we cannot do it without unity. **Read Romans 12:16 and Ephesians 4:2-5**.
3. Sunday's message was entitled the Born Ultimatum. How would you define the word ultimatum? (Dictionary: a final warning that includes specific conditions or commands. An if/then statement: If you do this, then this will happen) Pastor Tim said Jesus was in the business of giving ultimatums. He gave the disciples an ultimatum after they asked who would be the greatest in heaven. (Matthew 18:1 paraphrase) His answer perhaps came as a surprise to his crew. **Read Matthew 18:2-5**. These six words in the passage stick out. **Unless you change...you will never...** Pastor Tim said that Jesus was speaking about humility. When we live with pride instead of humility, pride takes us down along with anything we put our hand to. **Read Proverbs 16:18-19**. How does this passage speak to the way we should live as Christians? Does pride ever help the lost see Christ in us? What does it make them see instead? Pastor Tim said that pride leads to prejudice while humility leads to honor. Greatness begins at the bottom, not at the top. Why is this true?
4. Pastor Tim told us that humility begins on our knees and unity is birthed in our prayer closet. **Read Hebrews 4:14-16**. Strange as it sounds, we sometimes forget that as a child of God we have direct access to His throne. But we need to approach God with the right posture. React to these statements: *THE PROUDER YOU ARE THE FURTHER YOU FALL FROM GOD. THE CLOSER YOU ARE TO GOD THE MORE HUMBLE AND BROKEN YOU BECOME*. (include 1 Peter 5:5-7 in your discussion, interesting fact "be clothed with humility" in Greek literally means

“put on the apron of humility”, an apron is a symbol of service, Jesus girded himself with a towel when he washed the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper)

5. Pastor Tim closed by telling us that it's the humble that choose to serve. They don't fight, they serve. They don't judge, they serve. And when they serve, it's together in unity. **Read 2 Chronicles 7:14-15.** Humility gives birth to unity. And when there is unity, there will be power and fruit. So we need to ask ourselves:

What do I need to change about myself? Unless you change, you will never...

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 - You'll find a schedule of all our online streaming times.
 - There's an I HAVE A NEED button where people can let us know of a need they have
 - There's a button there to serve and find out what serving opportunities there are during this time.
- Volunteering at the Food Bank
 - They need 4 people each day this week to help pack emergency supplies.
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 - Text to give. (text the dollar amount to 84321)
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