

Life Changers!

Part 3: "Finale! Investing in Our Values!"

What's in a logo?

The World Way: "The whole world lays in wickedness. The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord. The way of the wicked is as darkness. If the gospel is hidden, it is hidden to those that are lost: the ones whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of – so that they believe not. It's all to keep the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, from shining to them." **1John 5.19, Pr 15.9 4.19, 2Cor4.3,4**

Your Way: "When I was a child I spoke, understood, and thought as a child... For now we see through an obscured glass **1Cor 13.12**, There is a way that seems right to a man but the end of that way is death **Prov 14.12 16.25** Man's goings are of the Lord; how can a man then understand his own way? **20.24** The way of man is willful and strange **21.8** Your ways are not My ways, says the Lord, **Is55.8** Your ways are not equal! **Jer 18.25,29**
The man that wanders out of the way of understanding will remain in the congregation of the dead. Pr 21.16

Nowhere is this more applicable than in the choice of how we "do church!" Wander onto the world way or "your" way and you find a congregation dying, or dying for life!

Have to be hungry for God's Way! More of the Lord! More of everything He has for us and mankind! The LORD gives wisdom! Out of His mouth comes knowledge and understanding. He lays up soundness for the righteous: He is a shield to those that walk uprightly. He maintains the paths of judgment and guards the way of his saints. Then will you understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; and every good path. **Pr2.6-9**

We Choose... The word of God! Not everything there is to know about God, but everything we need to know for living in this time of mankind! **2Peter 1.3,4** The words He breathed out/on! **2T3.16** As a foundation for successful living, assessed by the One True Judge! **Mt 4.4 1Cor 3.10-15** The word that discerns the thoughts and intents of our hearts! **Heb 4.12**

To get in the way of darkness and evil! "For this purpose was the Son of God brought into the world, to destroy the works of the devil!" **1J3.8** He got in the way of the "demonic!" He got in the way of the "religious!" He got in the way of "apathy!" "As He is, so are we in this world!" **1J4.17**

To invest in our values! "Two generations down" with everything within us and all we have to give! 104x year, plowing, planting, watering seeds of word, character, practicum! Weekly advanced discipleship classes! Fall, Christmas/NY, Spring breaks! Summers of ministry to our kids! Summer Service Crew ministering! VBS, camps, Life Changers! The Pool!

We have always been blessed with gifted children, rising to ministry... but the Pool is an intentional effort to identify and encourage a new generation!

"Two generations down" with everything within us and all we have to give! "looking where He is looking, perceiving what He is perceiving, working, reaping rewards with others who have sown, working alongside Him!" **John 4.35-38** Building an army to stand in the future! Combatting the influences of their society!

To prepare, test and send out our own Stephen's and Philip's... Acts 6 "full of faith and power, doing great wonders and miracles among the people..." **A6/7** "preaching Christ, doing miracles; demon spirits fleeing, bodies healed, joy in a city... following the Spirit, opening the scriptures, preaching Jesus, changing a nation!" **A8**

“To run our race of faith, young and old, male and female, every shade of brown, laying aside the weights of sin which can so easily trip us, enduring the effort as we look to the Author and Finisher of our faith!” Heb 12, Gal 3.28, 29, Col 3.11

Loving the lost and dying world! Gospel! *Judging* the brotherhood by character and actions! **1Cor 5**

Delineating “saved or unsaved!”