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LifeNet News

April 6th- Kids Campus Egg Hunt- Northgate- 10:00-12:00- Register on Northgate's website

April 19th- Good Friday Service- 6:30

April 21st- Resurrection Sunday Services- 9:00 & 11:00

Ice Breaker

What was the first car you owned? What is your dream car?

Message

Title: "Seeking God"

Speaker: Roy Van Der Westhuizen

Roy Van Der Westhuizen shared a very personal message pertaining to his faith background and life story. He opened his message with the heartfelt story of his younger brother, who passed away from cancer at a very young age. He spoke about the grief and hardship that it had left on his family, and how the church his parents planted wasn't necessarily the most supportive it could have been during this time of extreme loss. He shared the growth that the church experienced over a period of time, and how the growth was primarily driven by a group of individuals that were steadfastly seeking God. This growth took place in spite of the fact that their church was frequently stolen from. In particular, musical instruments that they would use as part of their worship would be taken. Roy transitioned his message in conclusion to how Northgate has a responsibility and a calling to seek God, very similar to the church that Roy grew up in. He mentioned that our congregation has the freedom of choice in the sense that there are many different options for church homes; worship settings, denominations, pastoral preference, and various different demographics. He related this freedom of choice to an opportunity to see God move in amazing ways through steadfastly seeking Him. Lastly, Pastor Jon informed the congregation of worship services that will be taking place each Friday night at 6:00pm for those interested.

Discussion Points

1. Before Roy began his message, Jen D'Alessandro spoke about an upcoming opportunity to partner with an organization that provides packaged meals for starving children in underprivileged countries. Was there one or two things in particular that you remember from what she said? Did the call to action of how you can help pull on your heart in any way?
2. Roy mentioned that the church he grew up in led services where the worship team often felt unprepared. Would you consider yourself a person who gets stressed when you feel unprepared? What are some of the emotions you experience when you feel unprepared?
3. Have you ever been criticized or questioned for a decision or an action you took, big or small, that you felt wholeheartedly that God had His hand on? What gave you the strength to overcome the negative feedback?
4. Have you ever been through a situation where you would experience significant hardship if God didn't show up (finances, career, education, family, etc.)? How did this experience help to strengthen your faith?
5. At the end of his message, Roy shared Proverbs 27:7: "One who is full loathes honey from the comb, but to the hungry even what is bitter tastes sweet." Roy mentioned that our perspective is important to consider when assessing the work that God is doing in our lives. Roy posed the question: "is it about what God is doing in our lives or is it about our level of hunger?" What does this question mean to you?

LifeNet Vision- "a place where people of all ages are able to build a community, fellowship, and discipleship"

LifeNet Mission- "to build a Christ centered community, demonstrating the Kingdom of God"