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Walking Dusty... teacher: Dan and Scott

I think the best way to talk about Sunday's message is to summarize the four points Dan and Scott elaborated on: spreading the Gospel, spending our resources, praying and fasting, and digging into the Word deeper. It's important to note that Mosaic leadership believes that all four of these areas are important in EVERY believer's lives, however, the way we accomplish each of them may be different for each person.

SPREADING THE GOSPEL: A few months ago, I had my first opportunity to go on an overseas mission trip to Haiti. We painted homes and spent time walking through the communities with our interpreters, meeting people and praying with them. Several years ago, I talked to someone about a visit she had to a Nairobi slum. She met a woman that was angry at tourists (mostly whites) who seemed to come only for a "photo op." Ouch! As our Haitian interpreters introduced us to their friends and neighbors, the purpose was to share Jesus. We did take pictures with each of the people – if they allowed us to – but that was after praying with them, holding their hands, talking about their needs, and playing with their children. I think our visits were received with a different perspective than that of the Nairobi woman. In fact, it is Mosaic's heart that we go back to the same area to build relationships with these same people. I honestly believe that through this relationship, the Gospel will renew and grow in our own hearts as well. (It is important to realize that God may not call you to Haiti, but He is commanding all of us to share our God-story with someone somewhere.)

Questions to consider:

Am I a disciple of Jesus? Am I discipling my family? Who's the one, two, three (or more) that I am discipling?

Is God asking me to talk about Him in a place that might be unfamiliar or uncomfortable? Am I sharing the Gospel at work or school? Am I missing an opportunity that God has right in front of me?

Bible verse references: *Matthew 17:1, 28:18-20, Acts 1:8*

SPENDING OUR RESOURCES: Resources refer to your time, talent, and treasures. When we are offered opportunities to serve at "4 the City" events (like the Lenawee County Mission, Salvation Army, Catherine Cobb, College Life, or Habitat for Humanity), it is never with the intention to make someone feel guilty. It is simply to provide ample opportunity to serve and to get us out of our "comfort zone." In fact, if you're already serving somewhere and investing in people, you may not have time to join Mosaic in these events. That's OK!

Questions to consider:

What is my talent? What am I good at?

How do I spend my time? Is it a blessing to God?

On what do I spend my money? Do I have a hard time giving money away when I see a need?

Why do I serve? What's my motivation? To make myself look good, or to give God glory?

Where do I see a need? How can I get involved? Where is God asking me to serve? In my family? In my community? In my state? In my country? In the world?

If you're unsure about your gifts, it might be a good idea to take a spiritual gifts test. Here's one you might want to check out: [Click here.](#)

Bible verse reference: *Isaiah 58:9-10*

PRAYING AND FASTING: Dan and Scott challenged us to fast and pray on the fourth Sunday of each month. We can fast from food, video games, TV, internet, or anything else. The purpose behind it is for wisdom and decision making, to recognize Jesus, and to see where God is leading in our lives.

Questions to consider:

How does praying and fasting show God that I love Him? Is it hard to pray? Is it hard to fast? Why? What is God asking me to give up?

Bible verse references: *Matthew, 4:1-2, Luke 2:36-38*

DIGGING INTO THE WORD DEEPER: Mosaic will be starting a service in April that will help us dive into Scripture with a deeper intensity than what we do on Sunday mornings. Parents are asked to find a sitter for their kids. More info to come!

Questions to consider:

Am I spending time in Scripture developing a deeper relationship with my Creator?
If I don't have a habit of regular reading, what stands in my way?

Bible verse reference: *1 Peter 2:2-3*