

Bucket List – The Illusion of Peace

November 26-27, 2016

Community:

1. Has your "Bucket List" changed or have you made some additions since we've been through this series??
2. Have you been challenged to re-prioritize whole portions of your life? If so, what areas?

Core:

1. Jim Burgen said that he would like to go to the Holy Land someday. Would you? If so, what do you want to see the most?
2. **Read Mark 3:20-2.** What are your thoughts on these two verses? Is it hard for you to believe that Jesus' family struggled with his claims and teachings?
3. **Read Luke 12:49-51.** Are Jesus' words here (especially at this time of year) difficult for you to hear and understand?
4. As Jim shared, Jesus came to bring light to the world and he shined a light on this truth: What he came to say and do would be divisive. Where have you seen this to be true?
5. **Read Luke 12:52-53.** How have you seen this scenario played out in your life?
6. Jesus came to bring peace (Matthew 5:9) Jim said, "Sometimes, if you want peace, you have to go to war (or have conflict)." Where have you had to "go to war" in an effort to bring peace?
7. In what part of your life (and the lives of those you love) are you tempted NOT to tell the truth simply to keep (the illusion of) peace?
8. Jim shared his own personal struggles with anxiety, insecurity and exhaustion, and how his friends came around him to speak truth to him. Do you have friends in your life who can do the same for you? If not, what can you do to build those trusted friends?

Challenge:

Set some time away this week to pray and meditate before God, asking Him for the wisdom and guidance to do the following:

1. Reveal who you need to have that hard conversation with--risking the illusion of peace--going to war to bring true peace.
2. Reveal the godly person or persons you need in your life who have the love and strength to have those hard conversations with you.