

Piece by Piece – One by One

April 9-10, 2016

Community:

1. Last week we asked you to write down steps you could take to fight for righteousness. Did you take any of those steps this week? If so, how did it go?

Core:

1. **Read Matthew 6:33.** What are some steps you can take to seek God's kingdom first?
2. What does it look like to seek God's righteousness on a daily basis?
3. **Read James 1:22-25.** If you hold the word of God up to your life like a mirror, what is the biggest part that would not line up to what is true in the Bible?
4. Why do you think it is so hard to realign certain parts of our lives to what God says is true?
5. **Read Ephesians 4:15.** How do you speak truth in love—especially hard truth?
6. Have you had to *speak the truth in love* recently? What was the outcome?
7. **Read Matthew 19:4-6.**
 - If you are married, what changed when you and your wife became married?
 - If you are single, what do you think would be the biggest change in your life under the covenant of marriage?
8. As Jim Burgen said, the original sin in the Garden of Eden was *pride*; Adam and Eve saying, "*Don't tell me what to do with this piece of my life.*" Where does pride show up the most in your life, and why?

Challenge:

The country song the band played this past weekend told the story of a man who knew he was going to heaven, but looked at his life and realized he had to clean up many of the pieces of his life.

- Even though you know you are going to heaven, what parts of your life do you need to clean up?
- Take some time this week to write these down and pray about them every day.