SHAPE - ENGAGE Wisely

Weekend Discussion Questions September 12-13 2015

Community:

- 1. Which letter from the SHAPE series has been the most impactful in your life so far? Submit, Honor, Assess or Perish?
- 2. When you think of the word engage what first comes to mind?

Core:

- 1. Scott said, "Engaging wisely means taking into full account not just what the right thing is, but how and when to do the right thing." How can you <u>engage wisely</u> (be a doer) in what God has commanded of you in your life right now?
- 2. What is different about engaging with what God tells us to do when we're empowered by the Holy Spirit? Can you think of instances in your life where your efforts were all your own and NOT led by the Spirit? How did that work out for you?
- 3. What do you need to take responsibility for in your life right now? Do you believe what Scott said that, "There is wisdom in taking responsibility and resisting the urge to make excuses"?
- 4. Scott used the quote from Doug Wilson's book **Future Men**, "Counterfeit masculinity excels in making excuses." How have you made excuses in the past? Can you see where that has harmed you or those who are close to you?
- 5. If you're honest about where you're making excuses, what can you wisely own and take responsibility for in that area?
- 6. **Read Ecclesiastes 9:18**. How can you use this truth in your life with family, friends and your kingdom?

Challenge:

Take some time this week to have a conversation with your family and friends and ask them what they think you need to do to engage wisely with them. And as you think back on all five weeks of this SHAPE series, IN what area is God most speaking to you? And what are some practical steps you can take to line your life up with what God intends?