



Holy Discontent | Pastor Bill Hybels | June 7, 2009

Note: Pastor Joe will be back to the pulpit next week as we begin a new summer series, *Follow the Leader*, which is a study of Mark.

A. Fellowship Time (10-15 minutes)

1. Chitchat. Perhaps offer coffee, tea, or a cold drink with some snacks.
2. Pray (or invite someone to pray) to open the discussion.

B. Life Group Questions (select, revise, and add as desired: 20-40 minutes)

1. Bill Hybels started his talk with this question: "What precedes vision?" In other words, what happens inside individuals that causes them to say, as Popeye did, "That is all I can stand. I can't stand no more!" and provokes them to take action on a Godly purpose?
2. Hybels talked of being "wrecked" and Dana Cowger (from the Africa well team) of being "ruined" by the Holy Discontent God had stirred in them. What do they mean by such extreme terms? Have you ever been "wrecked," where you've never been the same again because of a vision and a Holy Discontent that God has stirred in your heart?
3. How can we effectively "feed" a Holy Discontent while at the same time not despairing and giving up from all we see and experience? What is hope, and why is it important in this regard? What's a specific situation where you needed to keep hope alive in the midst of pain and struggle? What gave you the hope to go on?
4. Where are you today in terms of pursuing a Holy Discontent that God has placed on your heart: Do you presently have one? Have you always had one? Have you been shielding yourself from one? Do you need to narrow down many discontents to just one? What best describes where you currently are, and what are practical next steps given that context?

C. Personal Application (1-3 Minutes)

1. Whatever you discussed as your practical next steps for acting on a Holy Discontent, start to take them this week. (The first step may well be beginning a journey of discovery if nothing clearly "wrecks" you at this time.)
2. Prayerfully journal this week about removing those things that distract you from Holy Discontent and about ways you can healthily feed it instead.

D. Prayer Time (As a whole group or subgroups of 3-4: 10-15 Minutes)

- Pray that God would break your heart with the things that break His heart and that He'd give you the motivation and means to act for change.
- Lift up specific issues about which you already have a Holy Discontent, and ask God to intervene and to use you in that intervention.
- Bring other praises and requests before the Lord that arose through your discussion.