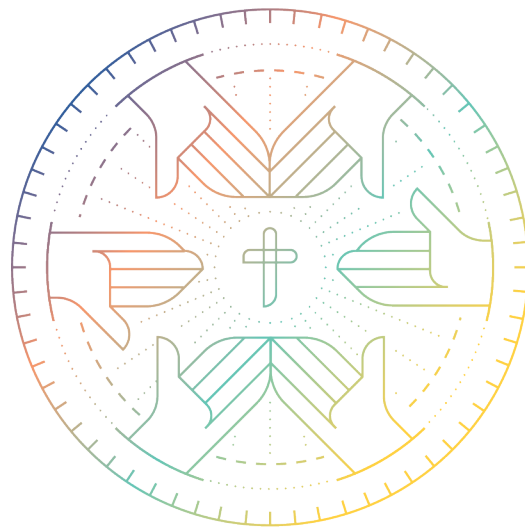


Group Life.

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER



ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

During the service, Fairhaven shared about the 1% giving challenge in 2023 and the generosity that has been displayed. Take turns sharing about a time that someone else was generous to you and the impact it had on you.

OR

Tell about a positive experience you have had while in or around a different culture than how you were raised.

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

Quick Recap of the Series “Steadfast” so far:

- 1) We need the right perspective (4/7/2024)
- 2) Be holy (4/14/2024)
- 3) Remember Coram Deo (4/21/2024)
- 4) Live Free (4/28/2024)

What most stood out to you from Pastor David's message this week titled “Live Free”?

INTO THE WORD (20 MINUTES)

Read 1 Peter 2:11-25 – During the sermon David said “Freedom is not the absence of suffering...freedom is the understanding that we have a God who is committed to us in the midst of our suffering, and a God who wants us to be committed to Him while we suffer. That’s what freedom is.” Discuss as a group how we can have freedom in the midst of suffering and what that may look like in your life.

Read James 4:4-10 – How can we apply James’ warning and instructions about submission to God to the concept of Christ being the Transformer of Culture?

Read Hebrews 13:16 – What are some ways that we can avoid being neglectful of doing good?

Read 1 Peter 2:17 – David mentioned we are to “wish well” for other believers. Discuss opportunities we can “wish well” for “the brotherhood” of believers?

Read Daniel 3:16-18 – David mentioned that we can serve others by doing all we can to lift others up into truth and righteousness. Sometimes, we face strong opposition in living this out. How does this passage from Daniel give us a roadmap for when we face seemingly impossible challenges?

APPLICATION (15 MINUTES)

What is one step you can take to “live free”?

Share with the group some practical steps you would like to take to “do good” and to “wish well” to others. Are there ways we can serve others as a group?

What’s an area of serving you would like to work on this week? Discuss some of the practical ways this can be demonstrated.

DAILY THIS WEEK

Reflect on 2 Corinthians 3:17 - “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” Take time each day to thank God for the freedom that we have in Him. Choose each day to practice walking in that freedom. Some examples include: forgiving yourself for a past failure, being kind to a friend or family member who has wronged you and having self control in an area where you have lacked control previously.

Pray daily and ask God to reveal to you how you can serve and show love to those around you, both believers and non-believers.

Take a step today to serve and love another person and offer that as a spiritual sacrifice to God.

PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for giving us the ultimate example of submission by sending Jesus to us and to show us how to serve and love others. We thank you for giving us your Spirit who gives freedom. We ask that you would help us to submit to others and to practice serving and loving those around us. In Jesus' name, Amen!