

Be Careful What You Preach For – July 2015

Yesterday (7/26) I preached from Micah 3 with the theme “To Know Justice.” At the end of the sermon I challenged our folks to bring me ideas on how we could reach out to those in our community who encounter injustice, to those who may be struggling in poverty, to those who need some kind of a boost. I stressed that I wasn’t interested in Crosspointe becoming a social agency, but rather a true church, a family of believers that serves and shows love to the world around them based in the love of Christ.

You’ve heard the saying “be careful what you wish for?” I learned that I should probably be careful what I preach for. Today God placed a man in my life; a man who lost his job, his girlfriend, his son, and his sense of purpose. He is struggling emotionally, mentally, financially and spiritually. He is questioning how God could allow this to happen to him. His life is a microcosm of the problems that affect so many people in our world and usually end in the question, “Why?”

Our church has already helped him in a few small ways and will do what we can to help him further, including inviting him into our fellowship and showing him friendship and love. I do not know where it will lead and I do not know if he will feel that his question has been answered, but I do know that we have to serve him. As I was driving to meet him I was praying and smiling; praying that God’s will would be done in the encounter and smiling that God was driving the point of my sermon home to me in such a strong and immediate way. That was simply proof to me that we are on the right track as a church and my sermon was definitely his word (which it should always be, but it’s nice to get such instant validation!).

So, Crosspointe Family - God is already at work on this. Share your ideas, your passions, and your willingness to jump in and get your hands dirty. I want to hear from you. But remember ... be careful what you wish for!