



The Foothills Flyer: *Keeping the Church on Mission*

The Importance of Christian Community

By Mike Potter *Values: Unity in Community*



On September 10, Pastor Joe preached a powerful and convicting (to me, at least!) sermon about the importance of Christian community. He made a solid biblical case that Christian community is vitally important to God with the conclusion that it needs to be vitally important to us. The bottom line is that God created us for community, and when we're living our lives together with our brothers and sisters in Christ, then we're living life the way God designed it. Unfortunately, our culture doesn't set us up

for success with this. It encourages individualism and busy-ness, so being in community takes intentionality – which is required for all spiritual disciplines, by the way. As your pastors, Joe and I see it as our job is to not just talk about important spiritual things like community but also make sure that opportunities for community abound. So, if you're looking for a way to engage in Christian community, here are some of the opportunities available through your church family:

SMALL GROUPS: While there are other ways to connect with one another, we believe that being in a small group is the best way. There are currently 8 small groups that meet around the city, including 2 new ones. You can see a full list at www.thefoothills.us/connect. Phone numbers are listed, so if you're interested in joining one, either call the leader directly, or contact Pastor Joe.

GATHERINGS FOR WOMEN: Melissa Eastman is our deacon of women's ministry and offers a lot of activities that get women in community with one another. The weekly women's Bible study begins this month on Friday the 22nd, and another IF:Table will be held on October 8th.

GATHERINGS FOR MEN: Pastor Joe oversees our men's ministry and offers several "mosaic" opportunities for men to be in community. For example, the next men's hike is Saturday the 16th, the next men's theological discussion is Thursday the 21st, and there's a men's fishing trip coming up on Saturday, October 14th.



Stay informed! View the church calendar at www.thefoothills.us/events/month.

Financial Freedom...New Small Group Starting

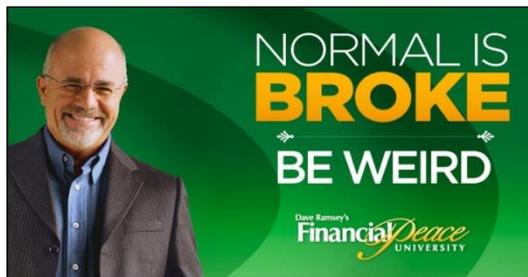
By Caleb and Lindsay King **Values: Intentional Families, Holistic Discipleship**

"The borrower is the slave of the lender" (Proverbs 22:7b). If you are in debt, then you are a slave. Whether your master is MasterCard, Visa, Sallie Mae, Wells Fargo, Kohl's, Home Depot, or your brother-in-law, you are a slave. 76% of Americans are living paycheck to paycheck. 90% of Americans buy things they cannot afford. 62% of Americans have less than \$1,000 in savings.



I (Lindsay) was once part of these statistics and currently still a slave to Sallie Mae. I was out of school with my first career job, making \$30,000 per year with \$45,000 in student loans. I was barely making it and scared! It was during this time that I came across Dave Ramsey's radio show. He's a down-to-earth financial guy, teaching God's and Grandma's ways of handling money. I started listening almost every day. I learned the importance of a budget and what it really means to give every dollar an assignment. From getting out of debt, to saving for a house, to retirement, I learned those things don't just happen. You have to plan for them. From hearing people doing their debt-free screams, I learned there is hope. My financial hole was not insurmountable. Just as God helped those people, He would help me. I brought these lessons and many more into my marriage to Caleb. It is because of Dave Ramsey and what I learned from him that Caleb and I rarely have a money fight and are almost out of debt.

Caleb and I are starting a home small group this October. We will be meeting on Tuesdays at 6:30pm starting October 3. As our first study series, we will be doing Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace course. All the things I learned from Dave's radio show and more will be taught. No matter where you are on your financial journey, you are welcome to join us. If you are currently in a small group, you are welcome to join us for just this 9-week series. [For more information, check out this video.](#) If you don't already own a Financial Peace University kit, you will need to purchase one to participate in the class. (Only one per family needed.) It can be purchased [here](#) or through a link we will send you. Those who aren't interested in participating in this series are welcome to join our small group when the series is complete. Please email kingcaleb7@gmail.com if you have questions or to let us know you will be joining us.



OUR MISSION: Foothills Fellowship exists to be a worshipping community of God's people whose lives are shaped by the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus and who participate in the mission of God's kingdom by proclaiming the good news locally, nationally and globally.

OUR CORE VALUES: 1) Jesus Christ, the Head 2) Biblical Leadership 3) Everyone A Minister 4) Ancient/Future Worship 5) Hospitality Without Exception 6) Unity in Community 7) Intentional Families 8) Global Missions 9) Holistic Discipleship