

Life on Life: A Conversation with Scott Schumpert

Lesson 06 of the series "Foundations"

1. It's all about relationships.

"Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:34-38 (NLT)

Note: We mature in our love for God and for others through relationships. "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)

2. Everybody has a part to play in God's Kingdom.

"The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ... If the foot says, 'I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand,' that does not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear says, 'I am not part of the body because I am not an eye,' would that make it any less a part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything? But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it."

1 Corinthians 12:12-18 (NLT)

- a. God gives us different gifts. "In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well." Romans 12:6 (NLT)
- b. God gives us different experiences. "He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us." 2 Corinthians 1:4 (NLT)

3. Missions is much more than Christians taking a trip to another country.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 (NLT)

"For God so [greatly] loved *and* dearly prized the world, that He [even] gave His [One and] only begotten Son, so that whoever believes and trusts in Him [as Savior] shall not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16 (AMP)

Note: "Go" means "go!" "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)

4. We can trust the Lord to guide us.

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

"Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you a voice will say, 'This is the way you should go,' whether to the right or to the left." Isaiah 30:21 (NLT)

- a. For Scott: What excites you about your future? How can we pray?
- b. For Centerpoint: What excites you about the future of our church? How can we pray?

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Connect Group questions

1. At Centerpoint we use the expression "It's All About Relationships" to describe our philosophy of ministry. How do you see this philosophy impacting our worship, our small groups, and our outreach?
2. Read Proverbs 27:17. What does "iron sharpening iron" look like in a believer's life?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 1:4. How can we use our life experiences (good and bad) for God's glory? Describe a time God used one your experiences to help someone else.
4. Read Acts 1:8 and Matthew 28:19-20. If you have ever participated in a mission trip share with your group how the trip changed/impacted your view of the world.
5. Read Jeremiah 29:11 and Isaiah 30:21. How have you experienced God's guidance in your life?
6. Spend some time sharing with your group concerns/problems in which you need God's guidance. Then spend some time as a group praying for each other.
7. How does it make you feel when God leads people to leave our church staff in order to serve in other ministries? How does it make you feel when God leads people to leave other ministries to join our church staff?