



Men's Golf Fellowship

Speaker Discussion Questions

Governor Scott Walker

Spiritual Topics: Sacrifice, Prayer, Faith and Following an Example

About the Talk: It was clear from Governor Scott Walker's talk that his faith in God has impacted both his personal and professional life. His faith has called him to act differently and ask difficult questions like: What does sacrifice in my life look like? What am I really trusting in? What am I saying to people by how I live my life? Let's take some time to discuss these and unpack them in our own lives.

Discussion Questions

- Gov. Scott Walker talked about his decision to suspend his campaign when it became clear that he would split the Republican vote and allow the Democrat challenger to win. That was an incredible personal sacrifice for a "greater cause". Have you ever made a sacrifice for a greater cause in your career or personal life? Please share it with the group. Is sacrifice difficult for you? Plato said, "An unexamined life is not worth living". Examine yourself. Do you look to your own interests more than the interests of those around you? Please share an example. **Related Scripture: Genesis 22 – Sacrifice**
- Gov. Walker told an interesting story of visiting a dying man in hospice who would pray to an empty chair next to his bed, envisioning Jesus sitting there. He explained how that affected his prayer life and how personal and conversational our prayers should be. How often do you pray to God? What is the content of your prayer like? Is it more focused on what God can do for you, or what God can do for others? When you pray, is it conversational, or formal? Why do we feel the need to do these things? Is it wrong? Gov. Walker ended the story by saying that the man later died with his head on the seat of the chair. What do you think that means? **Related Scripture: Matthew 6:5-13 – Prayer**

- Gov. Walker talked about the question he was asked by a moderator in one of the presidential debates in 2016: “what impact does your faith have on your life?”. It has been said that everybody has a faith, it is just the object that many people put their faith in, that is in question. What are some things that could be the objects of your faith (i.e. position, power, portfolio, a relationship, a higher spiritual power, etc.)? Another way to find out what one puts their faith in is to ask: what is the object, that if you lost it, would change your life most radically? What is it that gives your life meaning, purpose, and value? How has what you put your faith in impacted or directed your life? Please share one of the ways it may have done so with the group. If you have a faith in God, what impact has that faith had on your life? What has changed? What decisions have been influenced by your faith? What relationships have been impacted (i.e. with your spouse, parents, children, neighbors and friends) by your faith?
Related Scripture: Luke 19:1-10 – Faith’s impact

- Gov. Walker told the story of a man getting seasick on a boat and the captain telling him that the key to avoiding seasickness is to stare at a stable point on the horizon. He went on to say that his faith in God has always been his point of “stability” and that over the years his children saw how it steadied and guided his family. If you were to ask your spouse or children, what do you think they would say is your “stable point on the horizon”? It has been said that people learn more from observing your behavior than listening to your words. If you had to list just one thing, what behavior have you modeled most in your life? If you could, would you change what you have modeled to something else? What would you like your life to communicate to the people around you? ***Related Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:1 – Modeling***

Closing Prayer: Lord, I know that I have not modeled perfectly what I want, nor what You want. I keep doing things that I know are not in line with how You want me to live. Please forgive me and help change my heart so that the people around me see what You are making me to be. (Prayer based on Romans 7:15-20.)