

Crazy Love – Video #2  
Sunday August 13, 2023

1. Short opening prayer (one person or popcorn style prayer)
2. Group sharing time (time for everyone to talk about what is going on and how they are)
3. Go through Francis Chan's thoughts in chapter 2
  - a. Pg. 39 easy to think of today as just another day ... that is what we usually do.
    - i. Do you find yourself taking every new day for granted? Be honest.
  - b. James 4:13-14 read ... discuss
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13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a town and spend a year there, doing business and making money." 14 Yet you do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.
    - ii. What plans do you currently have for your life (short-term and long-term)?
  - c. Read Buechner quote on pg. 40 and discuss
  - d. Read Philippians 4:4-6
    - i. 4 Rejoice[a] in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.[b] 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
    - ii. Francis says at bottom of pg. 40 that if we are doing important things, we feel it's okay to be stressed out and not rejoice at all times. That's wrong and selfish he says. So ...
  - e. On pg. 42 and 43 Francis describes the Bible as one long movie. He talks about all the characters that show up in the movie. However, the consistent theme is that the main character in the movie is God. Francis is saying that the same is true for us. We live life often as if everything were about us. However, he reminds us that God is the main character and God has just brought us all in for supporting roles. The point is that all the worry and stress we experience do not make sense ... everything working out in the world is not up to us so why would we take on those stresses and worries?
    - i. He quotes 1 Corinthians 10:31 .... Reminds us to dedicate the brevity and shortness of each day to God, not to ourselves and all our worries/stresses.
    - ii. Read the last two paragraphs on bottom of pg. 44 and top of pg. 45.
  - f. On pg. 45 Francis talks about how fragile life is and how anything can go wrong. We often respond by either trying to control all of those circumstances to avoid harm or we just go into a bubble so we won't encounter those bad circumstances. He says the alternative to both of those is to trust God to help us.
  - g. Quote on pg. 49 "The truth is, some people waste their lives. This isn't meant to bash those who are gone, but rather to warn those who are alive." Discuss. Do you ever feel like you have wasted your life trying to control things or hide in a safety bubble? How much do we actually get accomplished by that?
  - h. 1 Corinthians 3:13-15.  
13 the work of each builder will become visible, for the day[a] will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. 14 If the work that

someone has built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a wage. 15 If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

- i. Read and discuss how it relates to this whole lesson.
  - j. Read his wrap-up on pg. 51
4. Watch the second week of Crazy Love video series.
- a. What changes do you want to make to how you are living your life remembering that today could be your last day? Go around and share them.
  - b. How do you think you could make those changes?
    - i. Examples
      - Ask God for help
      - Ask others around you for help
      - Maybe try a daily morning prayer and meditation time
      - Let's come up with other ideas of how we can live each day to the fullest remembering that God is the main character who deserves all glory?
    - c. Was there anything else from the video that made you think or prompted a thought or question?
5. Can anyone maybe summarize in a minute what we can leave here with?
6. Closing prayer.