

July 26, 2015

Insight...

“You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”

Jeremiah 29:13

- **Pastor Dave was greeting**...people in the foyer after the second service a few weeks ago when a newer attender bounded up with a big smile on her face and said, *“Oh pastor Dave...my husband and I are so happy to be coming to Walnut Hill, and we both agree that every sermon we hear you preach is better than the next!”*

- **The Billy Graham Association**...is committed to bringing the good news of the Gospel of Jesus to the world. In a recently published pamphlet they offer the following statistics:
 1. **Another thing that Google tracks**...people looking for “hope.” Each year, millions of people look to the internet for answers to their deepest hurts and longings. Google alone sees more than 4,000,000 queries in search of hope. Faith in God through Jesus is the only true hope that will not put them to shame. Romans 5:1-5

 2. **Strange how people who**...act so confident in public are so shaky when they’re alone with themselves. More than 22 million Americans ages 12 and older abuse or are addicted to drugs and alcohol. Jesus calls to them saying, ***“I have called you by name, you are Mine...You are precious in My eyes, and honored, and I love you.”*** Isaiah 43:1,4

 3. **Could we call hopelessness a plague?** 21 million Americans (7% of the population) struggle with depression and 39,000 commit suicide each year. Joy...a fruit of the indwelling Spirit of the living God.

 4. **No? Hopelessness is not a plague? How about “fear?”** An estimated 40 million people in the U. S. feel trapped or crippled by their fear. They live as prisoner to their own anxiety. ***“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you.”*** Isaiah 41:10

- **Did you ever wonder what led to so many women entering into the workforce?** It all started when a husband in Kalamazoo, MI said to his wife, *“Stick to your washing, ironing, cooking, and scrubbing. No wife of mine is going to work.”*

- **The good news (if you can call it that):** only 29% of Americans believe that consuming pornography is morally acceptable. A full 77% of women condemn it, and despite the fact that roughly half of America's male population is addicted to it, 65% of them say they disapprove....and they should. Research continues to mount up substantiating the short and long term destructive nature of pornography... which is why psychotherapists like John Woods as quoted in the Daily Mail, treat porn addiction like a disease. Jesus addressed this manner of lust when he issued a clear warning that even looking at a woman lustfully is equivalent to adultery.

- **Trivia Question:** 700 evangelical pastors in what country sent President Obama a letter pleading with Him saying "*We do not want him to come and talk on homosexuality in (our country) or push us to accepting that which is against our faith and culture.*" A. Kenya B. Iran C. Mexico D. Turkey

For Prayer...

...Pete & Liesl: Baby Kester has a fever of 103.5 and has picked up a flu bug that is plaguing the village. Please pray as Pete is scheduled to leave tomorrow (Monday) AM for a 12 day training workshop.

...Giving thanks for those baptized last evening and for their spiritual protection: Robin, Dave, Tyler and Karalee, Emily, Joseph, and Kurt.

...Shawn – safely home. We give thanks.

...Please pray for Sue (Clark's wife), who is recovering from having the cancerous part of her liver removed this week. Drs. Give a very hopeful prognosis.

...We mourn with Dick and his family after Sarah's home going this past week.

...Space Planning & Church growth.

...Couples who are fighting serious physical illness together.

Jeff & Laurie

Christy (Mike)

Sue (John)

Cheryl (Deane)

Ken & Judy

Tom (Barb)

...Our Expectant Mothers

Jen (Cody)

Britta (Jonah)

Coty (Steve)

Brittany (Andy)

Diana (Steven)

Kristin (Shawn)

Elizabeth (Brent)

Angela (Ryan)

Rebekah (Adam)

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God!
*"Miracles are a retelling in small letters of
 the very same story which is written
 across the whole world in letters too
 large for some of us to see."*

C.S. Lewis

Trivia Answer: A. Kenya