Making it Real

This week we heard how God’s power is made visible in the people He chooses to use for the building of His Kingdom on earth. Take a few moments to pray and ask the Lord how He wants to use you in that mission. Take a look at the categories below. Is he nudging you in any specific direction to let Him use you?

Home?

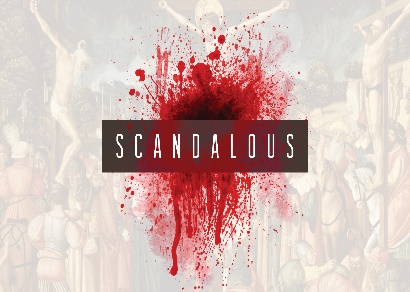
Work?

In your church?

A new way in the community?

As you go about the rest of your week pondering the ways God is wanting to use you, keep a journal to record any time a thought pops into your head that tempts you to stay where you are or makes you feel too small for God to use. Share those thoughts with your pastor, spouse, a close friend, or your accountability partner. Let them speak the truth back into your mind: You are the power of God!

Verse of the Week: Galatians 3:28

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**Small Group Devotions**

**Week of October 29, 2017**

**Scandalous**

**Scandalous Church**

**1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

*“We are a great scandal to the world. But to us who believe, we are the power of God!”*

***Sermon Notes***

**The Playground**

**Rich and Poor**

**Consider Your Own Call**

**The Great Scandal**

My Story

**Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?**

Can you think of a time when you felt like the kid picked last at recess? Why did that happen to you? How did that make you feel?

As a kid, when building a team what qualities would you look for in others? Has that set of qualities changed for you over the years? If so, explain.

Digging Deeper

Admitting that God can use someone like you is one thing; acting on that is another. That so often depends on how you’ve been shaped to understand what makes a person usable or not. As you read through the story of Paul, make a list of all the things that should have kept him from being used by God as a Pastor.

*Text: Acts 7:54-8:3, 9:1-27*

In the list above, which one do you most see in yourself? Which one would be the most difficult for you to see beyond in someone else?

After a message like Sunday’s, most of us would leave feeling empowered to boldly let God use us to build His kingdom. Yet, when we enter back into our everyday lives, we get confronted with our own demons or the voices of others and can easily feel that boldness make way for shame. How does the story of Paul help you maintain focus on God’s power/grace rather than your own?