

Questions for Sunday, March 1

Note to Leaders: Every group is unique and therefore if a question in the group is not helpful, feel free to move to the next one. Each group should spend some time going over the personal reflection section as well.

Personal Reflection:

1. How have you felt “lost” spiritually? What did that experience tell you about yourself?
2. What has been your trajectory spiritually? Is it the direction you want?

Personal Study:

1. Read Romans 5:12-17
 - a. Verse 12 begins with, “Therefore” and we know that means what is said before matters, it is referencing Paul’s belief that we cannot be in right relationship with God and others without Jesus, why is that important?
 - i. How do we begin to live in right relationship with God and others?
2. Read Genesis 1:26-31
 - a. Why is it important to know ALL people are created in the image of God?
 - b. What might happen if we remembered that more often?
 - c. Why is it good to know that when God created people he said, they are “good”?

Personal Application:

1. What might be the part of your life that you really have not given to Jesus? How might that change?
2. Is there an area of your life that you keep needing to repent of (anger, lust, gossip, control of money (greed), etc.)? Pick one person to confess to and ask them to help you continually work to give it to God.
3. If there is a person you are not in “right relationship” with, go and do your part to make it right, regardless of their response.

Personal Prayer:

Father, thank you for your love through Jesus’ life death and resurrection. This day will you help me to follow the path of Jesus and not Adam. Help me to listen to your Holy Spirit as it shows me the pitfalls to avoid. Help me to accept that you say I am good, and I am loved by you. Amen.

Group Conversation

Group Reflection:

1. What is the most “lost” you have ever been (any type of lost...travel, spiritually, etc)?
2. Why is confessing our “stuff” (sins, temptations, mistakes, fears) so hard for us to do with one another?

3. Why is it important to know we are “good” and not “bad”? (Note: this does not mean sinful or not sinful, but think about how if a kid believes they are good they act good and if they believe they are bad they often act bad)
4. What would our connect group look like if we shared our struggles together?

Group Study:

1. Read Romans 5:12-17
 - a. What do you think it means to be justified before God?
 - b. How should being justified change how we live?
 - c. What would it look like if we believed that the resurrected life of Jesus is an invitation to us?
2. Read Genesis 1:26-31
 - a. What would it look like if we saw the image of God in all people?
3. Google and read aloud the 12 steps of AA
 - a. How might these steps help us grow spiritually?
 - b. What might happen if we lived more authentic and transparent with our actual life?

Group Application:

1. How do we confess one to another?
2. How can we help one another set a trajectory for our future?

Further Learning Opportunity:

- “Life Together” and “The Cost of Discipleship” Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Serving Opportunity:

- What are some ways we can model authentic relationships with one another?

Personal Spiritual Practice:

- Confession is one of the most difficult spiritual practices. Spend time daily in confession with God. Spend time this week in confession with one person.