



JOURNEY GROUPS

OCT 26 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

STUDY

Digging Deeper into "The Sermon on the Mount"

1. This week we were reminded of the mission Jesus has given to his disciples and to his church. **Have someone read Matthew 28:16-20.**
 - a. This passage is known as the great commission. If you commission someone to do something, what are you doing?
 - b. What is our number one job as disciples and a church?
2. Matt kept reminding us that 90% of our neighbors don't know Jesus. We live in a mission field. Why do we sometimes forget that our number one job is to reach our lost co-workers, neighbors, and friends? Why do we so often get caught up and swept away by 'contra' vision? (contra = other)
3. We close most of our worship services with a 'sending encouragement.' We get sent out after worshipping together called to 'go out and LOVE the people of Kingman, into the Kingdom. HOW do we do that? How can the redeemed body of Christ, and how can disciples love people into the Kingdom?
4. What are things that we could do that may repel people away from Jesus, turn them off, destroy good will, etc?
5. God is famous for using 'the little guys' to change the world. What are some examples from scripture of God using regular, ordinary people to influence their world for kingdom causes?
6. In order to make disciples, you have to be a disciple yourself. What is the difference between a disciple and a cultural Christian, and how do we live as disciples and not just a well-meaning but distracted semi-religious person?

7. In order to be salt and light, in order to have kingdom changing influence, we need to be growing in righteousness. **Have someone read from the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5:17-20.**
8. Why were people concerned and wondering what Jesus' relationship to the law was?
9. Did Jesus come to abolish the law and when will we cease to be under the moral law?
10. What is moral relativism and how does it relate to the original sin in the Garden of Eden? How and when are we tempted to become moral relativists?
11. Big question from Sunday: Who wins the tug of war between what you want and what God wants?
12. What is a practicing Christian supposed to be practicing?
13. That last verse in our study for today completely floored the people. They found it shocking. **Reread Matthew 5:20.**
14. On Sunday we learned that there are two types of righteousness that surpass the legalistic righteousness of the Pharisees. There is Christ's righteousness that is imputed to us and there is obedience to the law from the heart, obedience that is motivated by love and pure motives.
15. Let's try and understand both of these concepts. First, what is Christ's righteousness that gets imputed to us and why is it supreme? Why do we need Christ's righteousness in the first place?
16. The Pharisees' 'righteousness' was really just a shallow, human effort to satisfy the letter of the law. How is obedience from the heart a much deeper response?
17. Why does more knowledge not always equal more love and living a more righteous life?
18. As we seek to grow in righteousness, how do we avoid the pitfall of self-righteousness?
19. What response to these scriptures and to this discussion is the Holy Spirit leading you to walk out this week?
20. Be sure to pray for our Trunk or Treat outreach this weekend.