

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

PICTURE THIS: PURPOSE IN THE WORLD

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Discussion

1. Jesus tells us in Matt 28:18-20 as believers to go and teach other people about Him. Why would he have us, the helpless selfish sinners, do such an important task? Read 1 Tim 1:12-17. What makes Paul's statement effective in teaching others about Jesus?
2. The Bible gives us direction on how to live, e.g. "*seek first His kingdom and His righteousness*" (Matt 6:33) but it doesn't tell us exactly what to do in every single circumstance, like which job to apply for, where to live, etc. What attributes of God's character give us peace about decision-making while we search Scriptures, get wise counsel, pray, then make a decision?
3. Have you noticed that people aren't very good at apologizing? Do you think Christians should be known for being quick to ask for forgiveness? Why or why not? .
4. Read John 17:15-20. As Christians, we are in the world, so that the world might believe. Where do you find the best opportunities to demonstrate a Christ-centered life by your actions?
5. Read Matthew 5:13-16. Like salt and light, the church is to have a transformative effect on the surrounding society. Notice that we are only salt and light if we maintain our difference from the world around us. Do you exhibit these qualities in times of darkness, and when you are with people who are unsaved?

Prayer

Ask God for a gospel awakening, that you may be renewed in your mind and heart about who Jesus is and how He alone is worthy of all your worship. Pray for God to help you develop habits of confession and prayer so that you can be connected in relationship with Him every day.

Application

Make an Oikos map. Get a piece of paper, draw a circle in the middle, and write your name in it. Then draw five circles coming off of the main circle. Pray God would reveal five people in your sphere of influence that need to hear the good news of the gospel. Write each name (or description of the person if you don't know their name, e.g the barista you see each morning at the coffee shop) in each of the five circles. Continue to pray for these five people, as well as opportunities to shine light, speak truth, and share the gospel with them.

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