

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS – NOVEMBER 19, 2017

“THE CALL OF JESUS”

Matthew 4:18-20, 16:13-18, 28:19-20

ICE BREAKER: What excites you about our church?

INTO THE BIBLE

- 1) Read Matthew 4:18-25.
 - Who was called to follow Jesus? What does *following* Jesus look like?
 - How does “following Jesus” affect our: finances, sexual ethics, use of free time?
 - Read John 15:16. Who chose whom? Why?

- 2) Read Romans 8:7 and Ephesians 2:1-2.
 - Does “dead in your transgressions” **primarily** mean:
 - 1) Legally guilty? or 2) Literally unable to respond to the Gospel spiritually? Defend from Scripture.

- 3) Read Romans 10:9-10.
 - How is a person saved, according to the Bible? What are the minimal theological facts that we must affirm in order to be saved? Defend your answer from the Bible.
 - What is the Gospel? Define it in less than 30 words.
 - Find some other verses that define/announce the Gospel.

- 4) Read Galatians 1:6-10.
 - What do false gospels look like? What makes them false gospels?
 - Look up the Greek word “anathema” that Paul uses in these verses. What does it mean?
 - What are some false gospels, and some authors that promote them, that are popular today?
 - What are some good books that expose false gospels? Authors?

- 5) Read 1 John 2:3-6.
 - What is the evidence that a person is *truly* saved and not fooling themselves? Discuss.
 - How can we help our children to make sure they are really saved?
 - > Can a true born again Christian ever lose their salvation? Defend from the Bible.
 - > Why is assurance of salvation so important? Discuss.

- 6) Read Matthew 16:13-18.
 - Why is the local church such a big deal? Are you serving somewhere?
 - What are your Sabbath Habits? Are your kids seeing your passion for the Lord’s Day?
 - Discuss: What is the difference between a “Bible study” and a Church?

- 7) Read Matthew 28:16-20.
 - Have you been baptized by immersion after salvation? If so, why? If not, why not?
 - What is a “disciple”? How does a disciple differ from a convert?
 - What are we to do once we make a convert, according to this passage?
 - Are you discipling/mentoring anyone in the faith?
 - When was the last time you shared the Gospel with someone?