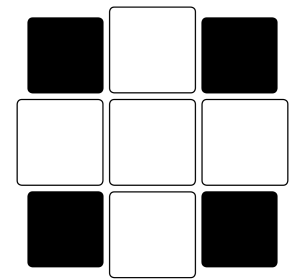


Gospel Community

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:1-10

Series: Standing in Grace

Sunday, September 22, 2014



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Overview

Spiritual growth and life are found in the Word of God among the people of God. A thriving gospel community puts away what hinders gospel community, feasts on whatever gives true life, and draws near to Christ together.

Discussion Questions

1. How well have you done in community, historically speaking? Do you **run to it** or do you **run from it**, whether spiritual community or not? Why or why not? Do we need community? Why? What defines gospel community?
2. As a gospel community, we are called to put certain things that hinder community away. What are those things (cf. 1 Peter 2:1)? How much do we put away? [All] That's pretty serious. How does a community remain that pure?
3. As a gospel community, we feast on the Word. Why is this so critical? How have you seen this true to life? What does "grow up into salvation" mean here (cf. 1 Peter 2:2-3)? What prevents us from practicing the discipline of reading God's Word? How can we circumvent this? What are some of the things people in your group do to prioritize intaking Scripture?
4. As a gospel community, we draw near to Christ together. Look at the word picture Peter creates in verses 4-5. What is so powerful about this word picture? Why is it significant that we are each priests offering spiritual sacrifices? How do we function in this way? What are these spiritual sacrifices? What makes these sacrifices acceptable? [cf. end of v. 5 "Through Jesus Christ"]
5. Look at 1 Peter 2:9. What are the implication of being "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession?" How do each of these designations point to our unity as a gospel community?
6. What are we to do as a gospel community? What's our primary function? [cf. 1 Peter 2:9b] How are we doing at this? How do we measure this?
7. Have you sat down to craft a testimony to share in 1, 5, and 15 minutes? What should the content of this testimony be?