We Must Grow Theologically

Scripture: Colossians 1:10

Series: Revival

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Overview

People often shy away from "doing theology." Sometimes this is because they have seen people bludgeon others with it. Others avoid theology because they have not been taught how to study. Some may be lazy and rely on the work of others to get them by. They say the right things, but have not gone through the process of working it out. Putting in the time to study theology is crucial for the life of the believer. Without studying theology, there is no revival. This week, pastor Joe showed the connection between theology and revival—that doctrine should lead to devotion, which should produce doxology, which is revival. Revival is born of good theology.

Corroborating Texts

Colossians 1:9-14; Matthew 22:37; Psalm 40:6-10; Romans 12:2; Ezekiel 36:26-27

Discussion Questions

- 1. When you think of people talking "theology" what comes to mind? How is theology "done right?" How have you seen theology "done wrong?"
- 2. How would you define theology? How did pastor Joe define it? [Knowledge of God experienced personally and expressed publicly] How does this definition challenge our preconceived notions of what "doing theology" is? How do the "means of grace" play a part in our growth and study of theology?
- 3. How have we been defining "revival?" [extraordinary work of the Holy Spirit which produces extraordinary results] In what way is revival born of good theology?
- 4. Often there is a disconnect between theology and practice, head and heart, doctrine and devotion. Why might we naturally end up disconnecting them? How does one inform or build upon the other? Looking at Joe's "bible math," why does "head - heart = hypocrisy? How does head + heart = holiness?
- 5. How does doctrine give one a greater capacity for devotion and godliness?
- 6. What is a doxological life? [a life that embraces our chief end—to glorify God and enjoy Him forever] Where do you see this thriving in your own life? Where is it lacking? How can revival lead to a doxological life? In what ways can this group be praying for and encouraging you to "seek and find God's glory?"