

Sermon Questions for Life Groups

Communion

Jesus' Death and How it Relates to the Gospel

Galatians 1:1-5

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*These questions are generated by several authors for Life Group discussions
or family or personal devotions*

1. In what ways can we at WH enlarge Pastor Don's ministry in BCM?
2. Refresh your understanding of the practice of the laying on of hands by the church.
3. Jesus died for our sins; when you share this with non-Christian friends or family or with people of other faiths, what are some of their responses to this concept of sin? How would you explain what sin is and how this relates to death and the character of God? As reference, please look up these passages: Romans 3:23, Romans 6:15, Romans 6:23, James 1:15.
4. It is generally understood that "the soul who sins is the one who dies" (Ezekiel 18:4). What is the purpose of Jesus' death on the cross? (see Gal. 1:4) Typically, if a person needs to be rescued, would you say that in most cases they are aware of their situation? What are some examples where they might not be aware?
5. What are some reasons why people do not think they need Christ to rescue them? Why must we be reconciled to God?
6. We were reminded that Jesus went to His death voluntarily even as this event was determined by the Father. Read Isaiah 53: 1-12 - share any new revelations or appreciation for how Jesus suffered willingly. How would you counter the comment that it was "divine abuse?"
7. In addition to verse 3, read John 1:16, Ephesians 1:6, Hebrews 4:16 and meditate on what *grace* means and how it can lead to *peace*?

8. Read Verses 3-5 to see the relationship of the *grace of God* and the *glory of God*. Read also Revelation 4:11. Discuss why God tells us to praise and glorify Him?

9. What are the indicators in your life that you are living in the age-to-come? Are there signs of people around you who are still living in the current age? What should we be doing in response to this?