

LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

4.15.26 & 4.22.26 ***Ephesians: “Do What You Are”***

Lesson Summary (Ephesians 5:1-14):

Tonight, Pastor Charles teaches on Ephesians 5; this lesson shows that Jesus not only sees what’s happening on the outside but understands our hearts, struggles, and needs deeply. Through His words and actions, we learn that He responds with both truth and compassion, calling people to change while offering grace. Because of this, we’re invited to trust Him, follow His example, and live out our faith in real, everyday situations.

Key Points:

3 Ways To “Do What You Are”:

1. Live like you’re LOVED
 - Because we’re LOVED, we must love others SACRIFICIALLY
 - Self-Evaluation: Am I willing to be INCONVENIENCED to love others?
2. Be DETERMINED to be DIFFERENT
 - We won’t be DIFFERENT until we HATE our sin...
 - Self-Evaluation: How much does my sin BOTHER me?
3. Live in the LIGHT
 - Living in the LIGHT means living without SECRETS
 - Living in the light EXPOSES darkness
 - Light also has the ability to TRANSFORM darkness
 - Self-Evaluation: How BRIGHT is my light?

Reflection Questions

- What am I hiding that needs to be brought into the light?
- Where am I not living like who God says I am?
- Have I responded to Jesus... or am I still in the dark?
- Where do I need to be different?

Discussion Questions:

1. When was the last time loving someone actually *cost you something* (time, comfort, reputation)?
 - a. What made it hard to choose love in that moment?
2. Think about someone in your life who is difficult to love. What would it look like to love them SACRIFICALLY this week—even in a small, practical way?
3. Be honest—when following Jesus feels inconvenient or uncomfortable, what do you usually choose instead?
 - a. Why do you think that is?
4. Being totally real—on a scale of 1-10, how much does your sin REALLY bother you?
 - a. What is one sin or habit in your life that you're *too comfortable with*?
 - b. What do you think it would look like in your life to actually “hate” that sin?
5. Why do you think it's so hard to be different from the people around you?
 - a. What scares you the most about standing out and being different?
 - b. Where do you feel the most pressure to fit in right now?
6. Is there anything in your life right now that you're keeping in the dark (a secret, struggle, or hidden habit)?
 - a. What makes it hard to bring sin issues into the light?
 - b. Who is a safe person in your life you could be more real with about your struggles?
 - c. What's one step you could take toward “living in the light” this week?
7. If your life is supposed to shine like light, what areas feel “dim” right now?
 - a. Is there an area of your life where you sense your light is dimmer than in other areas (ex: being willing to be different at RUSH but not at school, etc?)
 - b. What's one specific change that could make your light brighter to others?