



Life Group Discussion Questions

October 13, 2024

*** This guide intentionally has more questions than your group could reasonably discuss in one meeting. Feel free to pick and choose questions that best encourage, challenge, and instruct your particular participants.

1. Given Rob's reference to Luke 16:14-15, can you think of popular preachers and other religious movements that add to the Gospel or use it for their own gain? Why are so many attracted by these teachers and religions?
2. Considering the prevalence of false doctrine in America today, how do we address these with our friends, relatives, neighbors, and co-workers to show them what scripture has to say about salvation by faith alone?
3. Luke 18 talks about the parable of the Pharisee and the Sinner praying. In what ways do we wrongly cling to our own works when we compare ourselves with others? How can this hinder our Christian witness and effectiveness?
4. Read Matthew 23:2-7. How do we effectively combat pride in our lives? How do we combat the natural response of expecting others to do what we will not do ourselves?
5. How does "boasting" in the cross help put things in their proper perspective? How does the cross change our "worldview" and enhance our growth in Christ?

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6. Read Philippians 3:4-14. How did Paul contend with the issue of works versus grace in his own life? How do we develop a “this one thing I do” (verse 13) philosophy in our own lives?
7. Look at Galatians 6:12-13. It describes people who can’t follow rules that were given to them specifically, are trying to escape what they deserve, and want you to follow the rules; all to make themselves feel better by bragging about your supposed righteousness to other people! Do you experience anything like this in today’s culture? Have you ever acted like that?
8. Galatians 6:14 talks about boasting in the cross of Jesus. Describe the cross. What does it mean to you? How can a device used for a brutal death become a symbol of hope?
9. Galatians 6:14 talks about being crucified to the world, and visa versa. Think that through... define crucifixion and apply that to your relationship with the world around you.
10. Galatians 6:15 discounts circumcision – what does that mean? Is it talking about the flesh? About our actions?
11. What is a new creation? Think about the original creation. Think about the word and concept of creation... How do you apply that to yourself as a Christian?

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