

Life Group Questions

Skeptics Wanted: The Church and Same-Sex Relationships

April 24th, 2016

Big Idea: There is always room for one more sinner in God's kingdom.



Welcome (You to Me, Me to You)

1. What was the best part of your week since we last met?

Worship (Us to God)

1. Read John 10:7-13... Jesus is our shepherd. He guides us, protects us, and has our best interests in mind. Spend time offering short prayers of thanks to God for the ways he has guided you, protected, and cared for you.

Word (God to Us)

1. What do you think the majority of people in America think of the church and what the Church believes? Think about what is portrayed in the media and what you see on social media.
2. Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-10... Paul lists the kinds of people that will not "inherit" the kingdom of God. If we are honest we have all been on that list before, but we are now washed. What does Paul mean when he says we were washed?
3. Why is it inappropriate for us to continue living in our previous sins? What are some of the consequences if we do keep living in our past sins after we were washed?
4. What do these verses teach us about our past and our future?

5. Why do you think the church is known for hanging onto certain sins on this list, such as homosexuality, but not others? What can you do to change that?
6. This verse ends with hope not just for us, but for everyone. That despite of what we have done God has forgiven our sins so that we can come back into relationship with him. How can we live that truth out among those that don't know Jesus? How can we share that with others?
7. Read Romans 6:1-14... Paul makes it clear that when we become a Christian sin has no power over us. It would be crazy for us to go back to the sin that used to bind us when Jesus died for our freedom. Why do you think Paul is so adamant about this?
8. What can you do in your life stop living in the power of sin and starting living in the power Jesus' freedom? What can you do to invite those that do not know Jesus into that same freedom you have?

Response (Us to the World)

1. Too often the church is known for judging the world instead of loving. Spend sometime praying that you will have the opportunity this week to show Jesus' love towards someone that does not know Jesus. Hold each other accountable throughout this week to reach out to someone.