

Life Group Discussion Questions

Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019

1 John 2:3-11 - The True Vine
Pastor Nate Holdridge

Get to know you question

Besides church (and this group), where have you experienced community? What was one thing that group did well?

Discussion Questions

Note: This quarter we will be featuring three categories of questions - Head, Heart and Hands. As followers of Jesus we want our entire lives to be transformed by His Spirit: our head (what we think), our hearts (what we trust and put our hope in), and our hands (our deeds and actions).

HEAD

These questions will help us understand what the scripture teaches (who God is, what He's done, who we are, and how we should live).

- 1) What stood out to you in these verses or from Sunday's sermon?

- 2) One of the themes of this passage is that the command to love is both old and new. Thinking through what you know of the scriptures, how is the command to love all throughout the scriptures? In what ways has Jesus radically transformed the "love one another" commands of scripture?

HEART

These questions will be geared towards shaping our hearts in light of the gospel. Our goal will be to align what we know with what we believe in our hearts.



- 3) John does not say that our obedience and love causes us to know God, but that they are evidence that we already know him. In your own life do you use obedience and love as a way to try to earn God's favor or are you responding to something that is already true?

- 4) Read verse 5. Pastor Nate shared that the love of God is perfected (or made complete) in us when we realize God's deep love for us, mature in our love for Him, and allow His love to flow out of us towards others. Where do you see God's love being made more complete in your life?

HANDS

This question will be geared towards us responding to the passage by allowing the Holy Spirit to change the way that we live.

- 5) Are there concrete things that the Holy Spirit is calling you to do in light of this passage? Here we are not trying to move towards legalism, but acting in light of the salvation we have in Jesus.

