

Small Group Study

Our Vision

To know God and enjoy Him forever.

Our Mission

To build a Christian community by making fully devoted disciples of non-religious and nominally religious people



Discussion

Power with Purpose: What Does God Have Against Barbecued Pork?

Questions

1. Read Acts 10:9-20 and Galatians 3:26-28. What are some things that the Jews would not do because of their commitment to God?
2. What is legalism? In what ways does legalism corrupt grace?
3. Read Acts 11:1-3. What custom had Peter broken in coming to the Gentiles? What had God taught him that gave him the freedom to go and share the gospel with the Gentiles?
4. What impact should grace have on our relationships with those with whom we disagree strongly over important moral issues?
5. How do Christians usually treat other Christians with whom they disagree on a moral issue? How did Jesus treat morally impure people?
6. We all have people with whom we disagree. What types of people are most challenging for you as you consider extending grace?
 - Fundamentalist Christians
 - Politically-correct liberals
 - Wealthy conservatives
 - Feminists in the church
 - Pro-life or pro-choice advocates
 - "I need food" beggars along the road

Ice Breaker

Use ONE of the questions to help people open up and to focus your meeting. It is very helpful to go around in a circle with the leader going first. (Remember if you have new members or guests you should take time to introduce everyone.)

1. What's your favorite meat? How do you like it prepared?
2. Do you have an interest in something or an activity in which you participate *outside* the church?
3. What are three things that you are passionate about?

7. Have you ever considered your need to show grace to these people? How might you extend grace?

8. How can we become agents of holiness instead of avoiders of contagion? In other words, how can we be salt and light to the world, bringing God's grace and love into it, instead of avoiding it?

God bless,

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