

Life Group Sermon Based Discussion Questions

Center Point Church

Sermon Summary

In this sermon, Nick Fain delves into the topic of sanctification, focusing on the transformation of one's practices in the pursuit of God. Drawing from Colossians 3:5-10, the sermon urges believers to relinquish their earthly desires and adopt a renewed self. It communicates the essence of the passage from the apostle Paul to the Colossians, that they have been saved from sin and should continuously examine their faith to nurture their love for God. Significantly, it emphasizes the importance of sanctification as an ongoing process of becoming Christ-like and the necessity of continuously fighting sin with God's strength. Nick proposes two critical questions: to whom is Paul addressing, and why is the wrath of God mentioned? Nick suggests that Paul's audience comprised believers in Colossae, and he intended to remind them of their salvation from a life tainted by sin. By mentioning the wrath of God, Paul wanted to remind believers of the severity of sin to motivate them towards obedience and a life free from sin. Throughout the sermon, Nick underscores that sanctification requires an active commitment from believers. He prompts the audience to resist trivializing sin and to recognize it as a critical part of their spiritual journey. He insists on the daily pursuit of Jesus and not perfection, supported by continuous self-examination, practicing righteousness, and renewal through the Holy Spirit. In conclusion, Nick Fain's sermon accentuates the significance of sanctification and actively seeking a life mirroring God's holiness. Relying on essential biblical passages, he signals to the audience about the importance of sin recognition, in-depth self-examination, and the reliance on the Holy Spirit in their quest for sanctification.

Discussion Questions

1. What is sanctification and why is the process important in a believer's life?

Context: Nick Fain discussed the ongoing process of becoming more like Christ, emphasizing its importance in actively pursuing a life of holiness.

Application Question: How have you experienced sanctification in your own life, and what steps can you take to actively participate in this process?

2. Why does Paul mention the wrath of God in Colossians 3:5-10, and how should this affect our view of sin?

Context: Nick Fain pointed out that Paul brings up the wrath of God to remind believers of what they have been saved from, motivating them to live obedient lives and to fight against sin.

Application Question: How does the knowledge of God's wrath affect your view of sin, and how can you use it as motivation to resist temptation?

3. How can believers put to death their earthly desires and put on the new self as described in Colossians 3:5-10?

Context: Nick Fain encouraged daily putting sin to death, renewing our minds in the knowledge of God, and striving to conform to the image of Christ.

Application Question: What practical steps can you take to 'put to death' your earthly desires and actively pursue the new self in your daily life?

4. How can believers resist the lies of the enemy that tempt them to trivialize sin or live in disobedience?

Context: Nick Fain urged listeners to actively fight sin by examining their hearts, practicing righteousness, and pursuing ongoing transformation through the Holy Spirit.

Application Question: What specific lies of the enemy have you faced, and how can you actively resist them as you pursue sanctification?

5. According to Ephesians 5:8, believers are called to walk in the light and flee from darkness. What does this look like in a practical sense?

Context: Nick Fain referenced this Scripture and others to emphasize the importance of living a life of holiness by actively fighting sin and pursuing Christ.

Application Question: What areas of darkness in your life can you identify, and how can you actively 'walk in the light' by pursuing sanctification in those areas?