

INSIDE THE CIRCLE

SERMON-BASED QUESTIONS

MAY 7 + MAY 8, 2022

MY STORY

1. Who has had the most positive influence in your life? Share about them.
2. How did your family origin and upbringing affect you as a believer? Was it positive, negative, neutral, eye-opening, etc? Explain and give some context.
3. Are you more likely to do something you shouldn't do OR not do something you should do?

IN REVIEW

Last week, you were encouraged to reflect on the labels you have been given or think you have—good, bad, and neutral. How do those labels impact you? What verses did God lead you to that redefine or confirm how God sees you? How has this truth affected you?

DIGGING DEEPER

4. Read John 17:9-19. Then answer the following questions.
 - a. Who is the focal point of Jesus's prayer in verses 9-19? Why?
 - b. Reread verse 15. Why is it so important that we are NOT taken out of the world as believers?

c. In your own words, how would you explain being in the world, but not of it? How does that affect you?

5. Read 1 John 2:15-17 and answer the following questions.

a. John talks about lust of the flesh and eyes and the pride of life. In what areas of your life does love for the world, or what's in it, compete with the love you have for God? Some areas to consider would be: use of resources, time, money, priorities, ambitions, relationships, etc.

b. Is a believer ever completely rid of the cravings of the world? (lust, selfishness, pride, etc.) Explain.

c. What specific ways can you distinguish Christian truths and teachings from those of the world?

d. As a follower of Jesus, what areas of your life have you experienced the biggest victories in? (In lust of the flesh and eyes and in the pride of life.)

CALL TO ACTION | INFLUENCE: Where in your life could you have influence that you don't currently? And, what would that influence look like? (workplace, home, sports, school, hobbies, neighborhood, ministry, etc.)

TAKING IT HOME

This is boots to the ground. How will you practically (and actually) put the "Call To Action" section(s) from above into practice this week?