



Outward Group Discussion Guide

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SUMMARY

This sermon challenges believers to stop appeasing culture and false teachings within the church, drawing parallels between Neville Chamberlain's failed appeasement of Hitler and how Christians often compromise biblical truth. Pastor Matt urges the congregation to "wage the good warfare" by contending for essential Christian doctrines while maintaining both right belief and right conduct. The message emphasizes the importance of spiritual fatherhood, accountability within the church community, and boldly proclaiming that Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation. Rather than remaining passive like Adam, Christians are called to actively lead their families, speak truth in love, and protect the faith from doctrinal error and cultural compromise.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the historical example of Neville Chamberlain's appeasement of Hitler challenge us to examine areas where we might be appeasing cultural pressures rather than standing firm in biblical truth?
2. In what ways can we be spiritual fathers or mothers to others in our community, and who in your life has served as a spiritual parent to you?
3. The pastor mentions that parents have until around age 14 to instill gospel values in their children. How does this timeframe challenge or inform your approach to spiritual formation in your family?
4. What does it mean to wage the good warfare in our current cultural moment while also being wise as serpents and innocent as doves?
5. How do we balance holding faith with maintaining a good conscience, ensuring that our beliefs and our actions align?
6. Which of the five solas (Scripture alone, faith alone, grace alone, Christ alone, glory to God

alone) do you find most under attack in contemporary culture, and how can we defend it?

7. The pastor warns against making secondary issues (like alcohol) into primary issues that shipwreck others' faith. How can we discern between essential doctrines worth fighting for and non-essential matters where we should extend grace?
8. In what relationships or contexts might you be remaining passive when God is calling you to grab the wheel and lead with truth and love?
9. How does being known in Christian community provide spiritual protection, and what prevents us from pursuing that level of authentic connection?
10. When have you experienced the tension between speaking truth and maintaining relationships, and how did you navigate that in a way that honored both love and truth?