

Questions for eGroup Discussion

Cups and Tombs

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How to Use This Guide in a Group Setting

Group Participants: Review your notes from the message and ask the Holy Spirit to continue to speak to you about your life. Come to eGroup prepared to participate. Watch the message online if you missed it live.

Group Leaders: Give everyone the chance to share, focusing on the questions that connect most with your group. Don't feel you must answer every question. If someone missed the message, allow time for others to fill them in on the main points and highlights.

Getting Started

During your growing-up years, who was the disciplinarian in your home?

How well did their discipline balance words of correction with words of heartfelt concern and instruction?

Embrace the Gospel

In our eGroup discussion guides, we're utilizing a simple structure for studying the Bible together, based on the acronym S.O.A.P. ...

Spirit: *Invite The Holy Spirit To Speak To You and To Guide Your Discussion*

Begin by praying and inviting the Spirit's activity into your discussion and application of God's Word.

Observation: *What Does This Passage Say?*

Read aloud Luke 11:37-54.

What stands out to you from these verses (in terms of words, phrases, themes, personalities, interactions, etc.), or stood out to you from this week's message by Pastor Stetson on these verses?

What questions do they raise, surprises do they contain, or emotional/spiritual impact do they have on you?

What do these verses teach us about God and His heart for us? What do they teach about what it means to be an authentic Christ-follower?

In verses 37-41, what is it about the Pharisees' practices that elicit this response from Jesus, and what's at the core of what He says to them here?

What are some of the ways in which we are often guilty of doing the same thing today? Explain, and give a personal example, if possible.

In his message this weekend, Pastor Stetson said, *"The Pharisees were trying to fix inward problems with outward solutions. The problem the Pharisees had inside is the same one we have. Sin."*

In what ways does Jesus shed light on how the Pharisees were doing this in verses 42-44?

Embrace the Gospel Continued

How does the reality of our sin nature make this approach an exercise in futility?

In verses 45-52, how are Jesus' words to the experts in the Law similar to those He speaks to the Pharisees? How are they different?

From Jesus' perspective, what's the fundamental problem with what the experts in the Law were doing?

Where have you observed similar practices at work today?

When Jesus declares "*Woe to you...*" throughout these verses, what is He really saying, and how is He longing for them to respond?

Why do you believe God includes these verses in the Bible for us to be hearing and applying today?

Application: *What Is God Saying To Me?*

Given this weekend's message and your eGroup discussion, if Jesus was sitting across from you, and openly sharing His heart with you right now, what would He be saying?

How would you receive and feel compelled to respond to Jesus' input?

Experience the Spirit

Prayer: *Ask For God's Help In Living Out His Word*

Begin by praying for specific issues and spiritual stirrings that have occurred because of this weekend's message and eGroup discussion.

When done praying for these things, spend time praying for general needs and concerns for one another.

Engage in Mission

Serving Our Community in Community.

It's our desire that every individual and eGroup at Christ Community compassionately moves toward people who are lost, needy, and broken, demonstrating the love of Jesus in highly relational ways.

A reminder that we have an opportunity to do this collectively as a church on Saturday, August 12, on our second Serve Day of the Summer. As you've been hearing, this day we'll be coming alongside our non-profit ministry partners here in Greeley in a variety of ways.

This week, why not talk about participating on August 12 as an eGroup, and then register online from the banner on the home page of our church website in the next couple of weeks: www.cccgreeley.org. That way we'll now you are coming, and can plan projects and food accordingly.



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