

Dependency requires submission

SMALL GROUP NOTES

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Scriptures

John 5:19, Matthew 26:39, Ezekiel 28:2, James 4:7-8, Romans 13:1, Ephesians 5:22

Outline

On Sunday we looked at the final key in our Divine yet Dependent series: that to live a life of dependency requires submission. We saw how submission isn't a word that is received well in our culture and can be portrayed as an ugly thing. Yet we see from John 5:19 that Jesus saw it as beautiful thing, submitting himself to the will of the Father and only doing what he saw the Father doing. We began by looking at the picture of Jesus and submission, seeing how he was someone willing to submit no matter the outcome. Jesus demonstrated this in an incredible way in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:39).

We also saw that our attitude to those in authority over us can be of smugness rather submission, which was not how Jesus behaved in his life. We saw the heart of sin to rebel and not submit. We also looked at the hope for a life of submission is based on getting a correct view of God and of ourselves, seeing him as Father who is trustworthy, available and good and ourselves as children who are weak, needy and unimpressive.

Questions

1. When you look at the picture of Jesus and his submission (thinking back to workshop memory of learning to be a carpenter) how does that help you to worship him?
2. What challenges do you find to submitting to a) God and b) those he has put in authority over you i.e. Trust, Control, Pride etc.
3. Have you been carrying a wrong view of your Father and or yourself that has resulted in a struggle to submit? How could we grow in seeing him and ourselves correctly?

Tags

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