

Message Based Questions 1/17/21

“How to Change the World”

Icebreaker: Who is someone you admire or look up to and why?

To Discuss:

1. What stands out to you from the message? For review, the main points were:
 - Christ is alive and working even when it seems He is not.
 - Before Jesus works in the world, He will work in His church.
 - The Gospel is never just about individuals but about communities.
 - Jesus doesn't give up on His church.
 - Overcoming hardship is the pathway to deeper spiritual communion with God.
2. Pastor Rick introduced a term called **Cruciformity**. He defined it as living out the values of Christ in everyday living; the values that led him to the cross as a way of not only dying, but living! How does this Kingdom value tie to what we are learning in the book of Revelation?
3. Read Philippians 2:3-9 outloud in a few different translations. How are we challenged to live looking at Jesus' example?
4. How would you describe the Gospel? Are your immediate thoughts around a personal decision? In what ways is it more than that? (See quote below and Gal 3:26-29)

“The Gospel restores us, unites us, and sets us in community. The life of faith revealed and nurtured in the biblical narratives is highly personal but never merely individual. Always there is a tribe, a family, a nation, a church. God's love and salvation are revealed and experienced in the congregation of his people!” Eugene Peterson, *Reversed Thunder*

5. In what ways can we encourage one another to not grow weary and lose heart?
6. Look through the verses of Matthew 5 and Philippians 2 and take some time to evaluate where you need to change. Share in a time of prayer and confession together.
7. We have the privilege of being called Christ's ambassadors and reconcilers (2 Corinthians 5:16-18). What is one small step you can take to bring reconciliation and hope to this world? Share with your group and invite them to ask about it next week.