

Sermon Discussion Questions

8th Day People: Total Integration – Matt Slocum
21 January 2024
Sermon Text: Ephesians 1:3-10

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

This week Matt continues the sermon series called **8th Day People**. This week in Matt's message entitled, **Total Integration**, we learn the biblical world view is that two things can become one: a view where the material and spiritual realms become one. And when they become one, we experience God's wholeness, or shalom in our lives.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. What ideas typically come to mind when you think of God's full plan in Jesus? (ie. sending good people to heaven when they die, making bad people good). What difference does it make to know God's plan is to unite all things in heaven and on earth in Jesus?
2. Our primary worldviews today are monism (everything is on the material plane of existence in one form or another) and dualism (both spiritual and material planes of existence are very separate.). In the biblical worldview, two things can be one thing. Discuss how this shift in thinking affects your relationship with God and ideas about the supernatural.
3. 8th day people can walk in Shalom meaning wholeness. Talk about this idea of wholeness in the context of relationships, work, and being a follower of Jesus.
4. We become one with Christ, putting on the new self, made in the image of God, by being intimate with Him and sharing his experiences, background, memories, projects, plans, likes, dislikes, makeup, and life narrative. Read John 5:1-17 and spend time as a group in the experiences and memories of Jesus through his word and prayer. Discuss any thoughts or feelings that may be mental, emotional, or physical sensations.

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What has been your best (funnest) winter experience in your life?
2. What is your favorite football watching snack?
3. Have you ever met anyone famous? Who?

APPLICATION

Take some additional time this week and see if there are areas of your life where you are living a life that is separated in some way. Remember, if we are living a separated, compartmented life, we are not living in the wholeness, or shalom, that God intends. Pray for the Holy Spirit to show you any areas of your life that keep you from His shalom.

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on at NWC, go to <https://nwckc.com> or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Study materials are also available on the website or Facebook page.

Baptisms, 28 Jan at 9:00 and 11:00 am, Oak Park High School, 825 NE 79th Terrace, Kansas City, MO.

FINAL THOUGHT

We are the FULL image of God.