



COMMUNITY Groups

October 29, 2023 – Sermon Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER

1. Do highs and lows from the last week!
2. When do you find that you are most open to correction from others? When are you most closed off to it?

DIG A LITTLE DEEPER

1. Review the message –
 - a. Confidence (arrogance) in your spirituality can be spiritually catastrophic
 - b. Paul corrected behavior (jealousy and quarreling) before he corrected doctrine (beliefs about God)
 - c. Strategies to avoid over-confidence in your own spirituality – slowing down to be with Jesus and genuinely seeking feedback
 - d. God is faithful
2. Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-4
 - a. Paul has harsh words for the Corinthian church. He says he cannot address them as “people of the Spirit” because they still follow the ways of the world. But yet he says they are still “in Christ.” How do resolve this tension of them being of the world and yet still in Christ?
 - b. When Paul says he gave them “milk” what do you think that means? Why do you think he says they weren’t ready yet for solid food? What may solid food mean to Paul?
 - c. The Corinthian church was likely unaware of their spiritual immaturity. How can overconfidence in our own spiritual maturity be detrimental to our relationship with God?
 - d. In what ways are you overconfident in your spiritual walk with God?
 - e. Where are you tempted to be jealous and quarrel with others?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-18
 - a. Jesus laid the foundation for our spiritual growth and relationship with him. What other things or people are we tempted to give credit to for our spiritual successes?
 - b. Where are we tempted to lean on our own strength and success instead of Jesus?
 - c. Eric talked about how we can combat overconfidence in ourselves by slowing down to be with Jesus and seeking feedback from others. Which of these is most difficult for you?

CLOSING

1. What may slowing down to be with Jesus look like for you? How can we as a group hold each other accountable for that?
2. How can we lovingly be willing to give and receive correction from each other in the context of this group?
3. Pray