



COMMUNITY Groups

January 28, 2024 – Sermon Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER

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1. Do highs and lows from last week.
2. What words come to mind when you hear the term “citizen”?
3. Matt talked about being either a combatant, cynic, exhausted, or disciple. Which one resonates with you the most?

DIG A LITTLE DEEPER

Review the message –

1. Where we live influences how we think and act.
2. While we may be citizens of Earthly places, our true citizenship is in Heaven.
3. Because we are citizens of Heaven, we should think differently and act differently. We should live out hope and humility.
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Read Philippians 3:18-19

1. In these verses, Paul realizes that there are people who walk contrary to what he teaches. These people are considered enemies of the cross. How would you define the word “enemy”?
2. In what ways do you live for the pleasures of the body, mind, and soul? What Earthly things do you repeatedly focus on?
3. As Christians, we can take heart knowing that God is in control regardless of our political leaders. How could you redirect uncomfortable political conversations toward this truth?

Read Matthew 16:24-26

1. Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice on the cross. When was a time you made a sacrifice for someone you love?
2. How do you think “denying yourself and taking up your cross” differs from “self-denial”?
3. Taking up your cross means going to a certain death where the only hope is resurrection power. What does resurrection power mean to you? Where else in scripture do we hear about resurrection?

Read Philippians 3:20-21

1. As citizens of Heaven, we are resident aliens on Earth. We should be noticed as “different”. How should we, as Christians, look differently and stand out from the rest of the world or non-believers?
2. If Jesus was walking among us today, what would stand out about him among everyone else?
3. What differences do you notice between the citizens of Earth in verses 18-19 and the citizens of Heaven in verses 20-21?
4. How can you act humbly when it comes to political conversations and interactions?

CLOSING

1. Pray