
Foundations

I CAN Follow
Jesus on
my own.

Discussion

1. Where do you most see the message of “I should be self-sufficient” in our culture?
2. How does that cultural message influence the way we think about church?
3. Which sounds more mature to you instinctively and why:
    a. “I dont really need anybody...”
    b. “I know how to depend appropratelyon others and allow them to depend on me...”

Discussion

1. When you might explain the gospel, how much of your explanation concerns reconciliation with God? How much concerns being incorporated into God's people?
2. Why do you think it is possible in American Christianity to imagine being a “strong Christian” while remaining minimally connected to other Christians?
3. Finish this sentence: “If I really believed the people in my church were my spiritual family, then…”

together

Koinonia

Fellowship

Participation

Partnership

Discussion

1. What happens when Christians unconsciously think of church primarily as an event to consume?
2. How does the notion of “koinonia” challenge that mindset?

Discussion

1. Why is it easier to maintain relationships when people are enjoyable, helpful, or similar to us?
2. What does a consumer culture teach us to do when relationships become inconvenient?
3. How is God's steadfast love toward us different from the disposable approach our culture often takes toward relationships?
4. Why would experiencing God's hesed make us more capable of steadfast love toward others?