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3. The sermon talked about "putting off what Christ put to death" and "putting on what Christ brought to life." What are some practical ways we can do this?
4. How does idolatry in the heart lead to damage in our relationships? Can you think of examples from your own life?
5. "Killing sin won't cause salvation but it does confirm it." What is the relationship between fighting sin and eternal security?"
6. "To push worldly loves out pour the love of God in." Why is it never enough to just "remove" the bad. What's the point in replacing the old with something new?
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8. How have you experienced the transforming love of God in your own heart and relationships? In what areas do you still need to grow?
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