

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



These discussion questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. You can use them for your personal Bible study, family study, and/or small group study.

Overview

Sermon: *ONE Faith*

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

– Ephesians 4:4-6 (NIV)

Paul writes in Ephesians 4 that we maintain the unity of the Spirit. This is our calling as followers of Jesus. Believers are one in Christ and share one faith. The one faith is not the act of believing but what we choose to trust. There is only one thing that Christians choose to place their trust.

Discussion

1. Sometimes addition makes something better. What are some foods that taste better with toppings? Do you have a recipe that has a secret ingredient? What is it and why does it improve the dish? What are some items that you prefer to purchase with extra features?
2. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. This passage is described by some as the clearest most expressive description of salvation through the gospel of Jesus Christ. How does this passage describe what Jesus has done for those who trust in his gospel? Compare God's activity and man's activity in this passage. What do you observe?
3. Read Galatians 1:6-10. The one faith is in the one gospel. What Paul preaches in Ephesians 2 and other places like 1 Corinthians 15:1-7 is not to be added to. The gospel is Jesus + nothing. Jesus plus something (i.e. Jesus plus the law of Moses) is a different gospel. How does Paul emphasize Jesus plus nothing in Galatians 1? How are people tempted to accept a Jesus plus something (false gospel) today?
4. Read Galatians 2:11-16. Paul's letters to the churches have much to do about maintaining the unity of the Spirit for both Jews and Gentiles. Why did Paul rebuke Peter in Galatians 2? Give examples of how followers of Jesus show impartiality not maintaining unity? What needs to be rebuked?
5. How can the church fight against the temptation to impose none essentials matters on others? What can we do or continue to do to uphold, champion, and celebrate the one faith in the one gospel?

Application

6. Trusting in the one gospel allows you to love people with the love of Jesus. Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not? Take spiritual inventory. Have you added anything to the one gospel? What steps can you take to make changes? Spend time in prayer.

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