

EPHESIANS

Faithful Through It All

As an Individual

The reality of the evil of this world in the past week hasn't even fully set in. Allow yourself time in quiet to wrestle with this. Give some thought to what your reactions say about your heart and how does that compare to what God has in mind for those made in his image. Ask him to change and mold your heart as you continue to represent him here on earth as his representative.

As a Group:

1. Discuss some of the feelings you had this week as you watched evil unfold.
2. Discuss how you saw people react (hate, hopeless, in faith, etc.)
 - a. Consider how you reacted, even to the perpetrators of the evil.
 - b. Discuss how easy it is to see the world through the lens of our own personal algorithms (news we consume, social media algorithms that block other perspectives) compared to the truth of God's Word.

Review these Scriptures

Ephesians 1:1-2 / Acts 19:21-41 / Revelation 2:2-5

Consider these Questions

Focus on seeing others as souls/image-bearers regardless of their actions
Greater emphasis on maintaining love for all people, including those we disagree with

1. How do you work, labor, and endure like the Ephesians?
2. How do you ensure that we do not tolerate evil?
3. How do you test the "truth" of our culture today?
4. How do you focus on seeing others as souls (image bearers) when we disagree with them and regardless of their actions?
5. How can we engage with our culture while remaining faithful to our first love?
6. How do we support one another as we persevere and endure hardships for the name of Jesus Christ?