

Life Group Session 3 Discussion 5

Tangible Kingdom: The role of God in your mission. REMOVE SHAME, IDENTIFY THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT AND BE FUELED BY LOVE.

Cross Culture Church

Goal: Now that you have introduced spiritual disciplines to help encourage an ongoing relationship with Jesus that leads to transformation, and you have given examples of seeing life as a seminar to become like Jesus, it's time to learn what it means to start to live a great neighbor life/missional life. This week focuses on the role of God in your life and how it affects your mission.

Connect:

- 1) Did anyone get a chance to "See, Listen and Share Jesus or invite someone to church," have a few people share how it went if so.
- 2) Your 5- Ask if everyone has written down 5 people they are praying for who don't know Jesus. If not they can pick up their cards at church on Sunday mornings.

Discuss:

Read Romans 8:1-17

Don't forget to ask these 4 questions when reading the text:

Who is God?

What has He done?

Who are we?

What are we to do?

The following questions are intended to help individuals and groups learn.

Please use these questions as tools and not rules. As the Holy Spirit guides your time in Scripture, and as you have discussion with others, the goal is not finishing all of the questions but rather meeting with God through learning the Bible.

Summary: Some religions believe in one god (monotheism), and other religions believe in many gods (polytheism). Only Christianity believes in the Trinity, that there is one God in three persons Spirit, Son, and Father. For Christians, this is a closed-handed issue and one of our beliefs that makes us distinct from all other religions, ideologies, and spiritualities. Our God is relational and changes us when we enter into a relationship with Him. In this section of Romans, we are told in life-changing, heartwarming, eternity-altering detail how a relationship with each member of the Trinity transforms us.

First, Jesus died not only to forgive our sin, but also to remove any and all condemnation (8:1-4). God cannot love you any more, and, no matter what you have done or will do, God will not love you any less. Jesus was condemned in your place so that you could no longer be condemned by demonic torment, regrets of your past, criticism of others, or wrath of God.

Second, the same Holy Spirit who empowered the life of Jesus also now lives in the believer, bringing resurrection life and power (8:5-13). When Jesus told us that He would send us the Helper (John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7), He knew that we would need the Spirit's help to live a spiritual life. When Jesus needed help, He went to the Helper and we can do the same.

Third, God the Father has adopted us into His eternal family, made us children of God, and heirs of the Spirit and all spiritual blessings (8:14-17). This incredible truth radically alters how we see God, ourselves, and other Christians. Our Father is perfect, powerful, loving, and devoted to us. We are loved, secure, cared for, protected, provided, and cherished. Furthermore, we are adopted into a new family called the Church where we enjoy new relationships just like a child brought home by a loving father to meet the rest of the family.

Discussion Questions:

1. Are you more familiar with God the Father, God the Son, or God the Spirit? Why?
2. What condemnation has Jesus taken from you?
3. What power has the Spirit given you?

4. What love has the Father lavished on you?

Pray together.

Spend some time praying together going around and allowing each person to repeat the following. This isn't a formula, simply a pattern to share our heart with God and one another.

Thank you Jesus for removing this shame _____ in my life so I can share the gospel with the world around. Thank you Holy Spirit for giving me this power _____ in my life to help change others. Thank you Father for loving me this way _____ in my life so I can love others the same.

Close with spending some time in silence(1 minute) sitting with these realities together.