

Ruin To Renovation - Sermon #15 - Think About How You Think

Study Questions for Groups & Individuals

OPENER:

1. Turn to the right & give your neighbor a noun: a person, place, or thing.
2. Then turn to the left & give that neighbor an adjective – a word which describes a person, place, or thing.
3. When everyone has done so, using your adjective & nouns, each person finishes the phrase, “My name is _____, I was given a gift, and it was a (adj) _____ (n) _____.”

OPENINGPRAYER:

Let's pray for our women's team going to the Middle East, and let's praise God for one thing he's done in our lives or church this week!

DISCUSSION:

1. Did you see the movie, Catch Me If You Can?
 1. How did Frank Abagnale Jr. get away without knowing anything about those 3 professions he claimed to be: Doctor, Pilot & Lawyer?
 2. Have you ever met a 'professional' who didn't really seem to know what they were talking about?
 3. If someone asked you to explain the Gospel, could you?
 1. Could you lead them from Scripture?
2. Look at Romans 10:1-2 & 9-15 and discuss what it tells us.
3. Look at Hosea 4:6, how are we 'destroyed by lack of knowledge'?
 1. Think about last week and how easily we are deceived by cultural messages or even our own thinking.
4. Look at John 5:39-40 - how does Jesus embody the Scriptures, and how important is it for us to grow more deeply in him thinking about the lifelong understanding it takes to understand the mind of God through the Scriptures.
5. Read through Colossians 1 together taking turns. What does this say about the Spiritual Formation process in light of the person of Christ?
6. Look at 2 Peter 1:3 - what has been given us for a godly life - what Knowledge & what Power?
7. Look at Hebrews 2:1 - how do we pay careful attention to what we've heard from God? What are our tools & how do we use them? What is your personal process of spiritual formation?
8. Is Psalm 19:7-8 encouraging to you? In what ways?
9. Look at Psalm 51:10-12 (Vision), 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (Intention) - What are your thoughts to these two passages? Is your Vision & Intention strong?
 1. Discuss the Means as found in Rm 12:1-2, Hebrews 2:1, Psalm 19:7-8, Jn 5:39-40, Ps 119:11, (and others?)
 2. Read Psalm 1:1-3, 119:11, and Joshua 1:8 - how are you practicing this?
10. Have you experienced or are you involved in a Discipleship Relationship? Describe how that works for you?
11. Who are you reading? Whose Ideas fill your mind? Either good or bad? Does all this make you question what you fill your heart with?