

Community Group Homework Questions

Song (Optional): If your group would like to sing together as a way to worship as a group, we will be suggesting a title from that previous week's worship set at church. This week, we're recommending "Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery."

1. Pastor Bryan walked us through Philippians 3, wherein Paul lists many of his religious accomplishments in life. What are some common accomplishments or credentials that people in our culture tend to lean on (even within the church)?
2. How did Paul's life before Christ compare with those of the other Apostles? What does this tell us about who God can and does use for the sake of His kingdom?
3. It was highlighted to us on Sunday that, before Christ, Paul was a sincere man, but sincerely wrong. What are people implying about God when they argue that mere sincerity can save a person?
4. Read the short parable found in Matthew 13:44. What motivates the man in this parable to sell all that he owns? How is this different from the perception of Christianity that many carry with them?
5. Where are you hungering and thirsting for practical righteousness in your own life? How can you pray for one another in your group for growth in these areas?

Craving for More than Food

Luke 6:21a

Series #31

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"Craving for More than Food."** All questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Have you ever had a time in your life when you were really hungry or thirsty?
2. Luke 6:20-23 is very similar to what famous sermon?
3. The term "Beatitudes" comes from a Latin word for what?
4. Luke 6:20-23 and Matthew 5-7 tell us the path to what?
5. To be aware that we are lost sinners who need the Lord's forgiveness is to be what?
6. Being poor in spirit is the opposite of what?
7. Those who are poor in spirit are the ones who are granted what?
8. Our lost condition causes us to do what?
9. When we mourn over our sin and rebellion and lostness, this results in a what?
10. The disciples' hunger and thirst to have the Lord's righteousness had resulted in their condition of being what?
11. Do you hold on to self-righteousness?
12. Philippians 3 gives us Paul's what?

13. Paul described a true Christian (Philippians 3:4) as one who has no confidence in what?
14. Jews trusted in circumcision to secure them as what?
15. Salvation is NOT by what?
16. Paul was a pure what?
17. Though born into the right family, Paul realized that salvation is not by what?
18. What tribe had a special place of honor and was held in high esteem?
19. Paul states that salvation is not by what?
20. To be considered a Hebrew of the Hebrews, you had to know, speak, and observe what?
21. What kind of perfectionist was Paul?
22. The name, "Pharisees" means the what?
23. Are there people today who are like the Pharisees of the Biblical time period?
24. The Jews considered what to be the most commendable virtue?
25. What were the two sides of "zeal" from the Jews' perspective?
26. Paul was a sincere man (before conversion) but he was what?
27. Sincerity without truth is what? Truth without sincerity is what?
28. Salvation is not a reward for what?
29. People couldn't point to anything in Paul's life on the outside that did what?
30. Salvation is NOT by what?
31. When Paul came face to face with the Lord Jesus Christ, he saw all of his own merit as what?
32. All that Paul had trusted in was worse than useless because to hold on to it would do what?
33. What, besides sin, is rubbish in God's eyes?
34. Besides being declared righteous, what is also involved in hungering and thirsting for righteousness?
35. Do the words of Psalm 63 resonate in your heart?
36. Can you relate to the words of Paul in Romans 7:15 & 24?
37. Do you hate sin? Does it grieve you when you sin?
38. What are the three ways we are filled when we hunger and thirst for righteousness?
39. Do you hunger and thirst for righteousness?