



6-3-18 Sermon Discussion Guide

"Salty Faith: Relationships"



Context

We continue our spring sermon series entitled "Salty Faith." It asks the question, "What difference does follow Jesus make in our lives?" This is a big question with big implications. It can make all the difference in the world. In the coming weeks, we'll explore many facets of this question and take a more specific look at how this question impacts us. This week we discuss the intersection between faith and the relationships we have, whether intimate relationships or casual relationships.

Checking In

Since the last time your group has met, how have each of you experienced God at work? What have you celebrated? What have you mourned?

Introduction

The Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 11:1 "Follow my example as I follow the example of Christ." We can live this statement out, too, in our relationships. Our actions can lead our friends and family members to Christ. We can point others to Christ when we have extravagant or over-the-top love, over-the-top grace (and forgiveness), over-the-top hospitality, and over-the-top humility.

Discussing the Texts

1. What qualities of Christ do you see in Philippians 2:1-11? How does this passage inform you as you live out your faith, especially regarding your relationships?
2. Read 1 John 4:12, 19 (Read all of 1 John 3 and 4 if there is time!) How do these verses inform you as you try to have over-the-top love?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 12:9, Ephesians 4:32, and Matthew 18:21-22. How do these verses inform you as you try to have over-the-top grace and forgiveness?
4. Read James 4:10. How does this verse inform you as you try to have over-the-top humility?

So what?

1. When is it hard to practice over-the-top love in relationships?
2. When is it hard to practice over-the-top grace in relationships? Is there someone you need to forgive?
3. When is it hard to practice over-the-top hospitality in relationships?
4. When is it hard to practice over-the-top humility in relationships?
5. Who in your own life might see you as "the only Bible they'll ever read"?
6. How did this sermon challenge you?
7. How can you apply this sermon and these passages to your life this week?

Prayer

Have the group share any prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving they may have. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to give you supernatural love, grace, hospitality, and humility in all of your relationships this week. Ask God to draw you closer to Him so that you may be an example of Christian living to others.