
Life Group Sermon Based Questions

"God-Saturated Growth"

(Psalm 119:33-40)

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1. If you are able, visit newcitycatechism.com and since we are in week 20, find week 20 and go through the catechism. As the leader, read the question and the group can read the answer together and then you or someone in your group can read the commentary. Then pray the prayer together.

There were three main points to this sermon: 1. It teaches us something about what a Christian is. 2. It teaches us something about prayer. 3. It teaches us something about spiritual growth.

2. Sermon point 1

Read 2 Corinthians 13:5-7.

⁵ Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test? ⁶ And I trust that you will discover that we have not failed the test. ⁷ Now we pray to God that you will not do anything wrong—not so that people will see that we have stood the test but so that you will do what is right even though we may seem to have failed. (2 Cor 13:5–7 NIV11-GK)

In the sermon's first point two tests were mentioned to help us determine whether or not we are Christians. (By the way, there are more tests, like the test of confession or the presence of the Holy Spirit, but for this sermon we mentioned two.) First, an outward or behavioral test. Because of Christ in my life, my behaviours have changed, changes that I am certain only Christ has brought about. Second, a heart test that reveals our true motivations. The second parts of verses, 34,35,36,38, and 39 all reveal these heart changes.

Share the heart changes that have occurred in your life since becoming a Christian.

4. Sermon point 2

Consider again the command verbs in this section of Psalm 119. Have you prayed to God with similar confidence and audacity? Can you remember and then share an example? How does it make you feel knowing, that as God's child, you can call upon your heavenly father and make all your requests known to him and that he will most certainly answer?

5. **"So that..."** In the sermon much time was given to talk about the "so that" clause that should follow our prayers. What do these "so that" clauses reveal about ourselves?

Conduct this small exercise, either on paper or without it. Write out 2-3 prayers that you have been recently praying to God...finish off those prayers with a "so that" clause. Example: "Lord, please save my friend Fan, create in her a hunger for spiritual things, and help her come under the weight of her sin and your judgment...so that...she may turn to you Lord and live her life in joy and for your glory."

Another example: "Lord deepen my appetite for Scripture, to read it, to make time for it, and to obey it, so that my life would conform to the pattern of Christ, so that I would be transformed by the renewing of my mind, for your glory and for my joy."

Another example: "Help my son come to a genuine faith in Jesus, so that he would receive the gift of eternal life and have his entire identity rooted in Christ."

6. Sermon point 3

Why is it so much more important and useful to lean and depend on Christ for our spiritual growth, rather than merely trying harder? How can you lean more on Christ

7. Finally, who in your life are you helping to grow in Christ? How can you apply these three points to that discipling relationship?