

Excavate – History of the Church (Part 2)

Weekend Discussion Questions

October 1-2, 2011

Community:

1. What do you consider to be the most important part of your experience in coming to church on the weekend?
2. How necessary do you think it is to know what's in the Bible? And what parts of the Bible do you find the easiest to follow...and which are the hardest?

Core:

1. Read John 8:31-31. Does this statement by Jesus seem contradictory to you? Instead of restrictions, what kind of freedom do we experience through Jesus' truth?
2. Jim talked a lot about the different *styles* and *methods* in how people do church. What are some styles and methods that have helped or hurt your ability to draw closer to Jesus?
3. In your opinion, how can people read the same Bible, come up with varying approaches to the same Biblical principal...then divide and fight over those disagreements?
4. Read Acts 2:42. What did it mean to the first believers to be "*devoted to the apostle's teaching*"? What IS that teaching and how devoted should we be to it today?
5. Read Matthew 28:18 and discuss this—*The Great Commission*. Where did Jesus get this authority and (in what ways) was He always with the apostles then...and how is He always with us today?
6. Read Matthew 16:13-18. Why do you think people thought Jesus might be dead people like John the Baptist, Elijah and Jeremiah...and what did that mean?
7. Peter is the first apostle to proclaim Jesus as The Messiah. The Christ. The Son of the Living God. How radical was this statement then...and how radical is it to you today?
8. Read Romans 3:21-24. The Bible clearly states here that it is Jesus...period. How does our righteous only come through faith in Jesus, and likewise, how does our redemption come only through Jesus?

Challenge:

1. When you pray this week, ask God to show you if you're depending on something other than just Jesus. And if so, seek God's help in removing whatever that is you're relying on other than Jesus.
2. Try to do some of your own church history excavation this week. Write down all that you know about the faith history of your family (parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc.) and see what you find—and what influence it's had (good or bad) in your journey.



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