

NWC Questions

FOR PERSONAL STUDY & SMALL GROUPS - MARCH 6, 2016

Evaluate and encourage your small group in cultivating a supreme affection (love) for God.

Conversation Starter: Share with the group how you and your spouse (boyfriend/girlfriend) met (You can ask singles to share how their parents met)?

Key Texts were: Matt. 13:44; Ps. 63:1-8; & Phil. 3:4b-8.

1. Based on the passages and sermon, discuss how a supreme affection expels idols and sin. How do we get over our ex?
2. Discuss how each of you are doing in the main areas we talked about Sunday as ways we cultivate a supreme affection for God:
 - a. Reading & studying His Word
 - b. Talking & praying to Him
 - c. Sharing Him with others
 - d. Giving to Him & others generously
 - e. Meditating on His Word
 - f. Obeying Him joyfully
 - g. Loving His church
2. How often do you read the Bible? For how long do you usually read? What was the last book or passage that you studied? Do you treat the Bible like a treasured love note from your loving spouse?
3. So, how is your prayer life? Do you share everything with God, even though He is omniscient and knows your whole life anyway? Tell us about the last time you had extended time in undistracted prayer. Have you ever done a half day of solitude and prayer?
4. When is the last time you shared your relationship with God, in detail, with a neighbor, coworker, friend, or family member? Do you seem to share your love for God constantly? Are your friends annoyed because you share your great love so frequently? Is Jesus always on your lips?
5. Does your bank account reflect that God is the most important person in your life? When is the last time His surpassing worth, resulted in you spontaneously giving generously (outside of "tithing")? How would your finances be handled different if you loved Him more?
6. What is the last Scripture you memorized? When was that? Is this a common practice? How is His Word always on your mind?
7. How are you lining up your preferences to His commands? Do you obey even when you really want something outside of His will? Is obedience to God's Word become something you joyfully embrace?
8. Do you love the bride of Christ? Do you enjoy God's people? What things do you do to strengthen your relationship with those in this church?