GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Hidden Treasures

Week 1: The Treasure 2 Corinthians 4:6-7

Week of August 1, 2021 (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)

This weekend, we kicked off a new 3-week series based on the fourth chapter of 2 Corinthians. In this chapter, Paul describes himself as a "jar of clay" filled with treasure. This image is a perfect description of us as well. We may be weak and ordinary containers, but thanks to Jesus, we've got something priceless inside of us.

Kicking it off: Ever found a treasure? Tell the group about an object of value that you found. Phone? Wallet?

Discussion:

1. Reread 2 Corinthians 4:6-7 He gave us the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. We have this treasure in jars of clay.

Why does Paul consider the "knowledge of God's glory" a treasure?

- 2. Verse 6 indicates that Jesus reflects the glory (goodness) of God the Father. How would you help someone who claims to love Jesus, but not the God of the Old Testament?
- Read the following quote from A.W. Tozer's book, "The Knowledge of the Holy" "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why?

4. Reread 2 Corinthians 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ.

Why does Satan employ the strategy of keeping people from seeing the Lord's glory?

5. Reread 2 Corinthians 3:18 All who contemplate the Lord's glory are being transformed into his image.

How does regular meditation on God's beauty impact our growth in Christlikeness?

 Read the following quote from A.W. Tozer's book, "The Knowledge of the Holy" "We do the greatest service to the next generation of Christians by passing on to them an undimmed and undiminished concept of God."

How can we act on the wisdom in this quote?

7. Reread Psalm 4:6-7 Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD. You fill our hearts with great joy.

What can we do to experience the joy found when "God's face shines on us?"

Wrapping It Up:

Moses prayed, "Lord show me your glory." In prayer, ask God to help you seek and find greater knowledge of His character and nature.