

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Scripture: Luke 5:33-39



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Legalism blinds us to the grace of God offered to us in the person and work of Jesus Christ, His Son.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- Who were the Pharisees, and how did they live? How did they abuse the spiritual practice of fasting (Matt 6:16-18)?
- According to Jesus, why was it the wrong time for his disciples to fast (verse 34-35)? What does Jesus reveal about himself and his kingdom in his answer? How can we properly practice fasting today?
- How is Jesus confronting the Pharisees with his parables of the cloth and wineskins? What are the old, obsolete ways of approaching God in worship that the Pharisees are unwilling to give up? What is the inevitable result of attempting to live “under the law” rather than by God’s grace in Jesus Christ (Galatians 5:3-4)?
- What personal practices or biases keep us from faithfully following Christ?
- How has the new covenant with Jesus Christ changed how we worship God? Is the grace of God in the gospel the basis of your pursuit of godly living?
- Does legalism come naturally to you? Discuss how the gospel is the only remedy.
- Discuss how we view and treat others indicates our understanding of the grace of God. How can we regularly drink deeply of God’s grace?