

Sticky Group Discussion Questions for Sunday, February 15, 2015

Part 5 : Wrapping It Up

1. This Sunday we concluded our series on “Becoming a Contagious Christian.” It was said on Sunday that nothing compares with influencing someone toward new life in Jesus Christ. Nothing compares to making a difference in someone’s eternity. Really ? Do you believe those statements ? Also, ...
 - How does Romans 10:14-15 affect your perspective ?
 - How have you been challenged or encouraged during this series of sermons ?
 - What are your hopes, dreams, disappointments, frustrations, etc, concerning how “contagious” you are as a Christian right now ?

2. If relational evangelism is a priority to us, who are the people we should be developing relationships with ? Share with your group some of the ...
 - people you already know
 - people you used to know
 - people you would like to know

whose spiritual condition is of concern to you, and for whom you would like your group to pray. Take some time as a group to pray for these people before you conclude your meeting.

3. Some common objections to Christianity and the Gospel are listed below. Take some time in your group to discuss how you might respond to some of these objections. Are there others ? How would you respond to them ?
 - Don’t all religions basically teach the same things but just use different names for God ?
 - As long as a person is sincere in what they believe, what difference does it make what they believe ?
 - Aren’t Christians narrow-minded to think they’re right and everyone else is wrong ?
 - What credentials back up the claims of Christianity ? Is there any good evidence to support it ?
 - What makes you so confident the Bible is true ? There are so many authors and translations, and it was written over so many years – surely it’s full of mistakes ?
 - How do you know God exists ?
 - If a loving and powerful God does exist, why does He allow so much evil in the world ?
 - What about people who have never heard the Gospel ?

4. Re-read the story of Philip in Acts 8:26-39. In your opinion, how was Philip a “contagious Christian” ? What factors were involved in Philip leading the Ethiopian to a point of trusting Christ ? How are these factors at work in our lives today ?

5. Read 1 Peter 3:8-17, the context in which we find Peter’s instructions to “always be ready to give an account,” and discuss what you find in that passage.
 - Why did Peter instruct his readers to live at peace with everyone (v. 9) ?
 - What did Peter instruct his readers to be prepared for ?
 - How should we set Christ apart as Lord in our hearts ?
 - How prepared are you to explain your hope in Christ ?
 - How could suffering for doing right be a blessing ?

6. As you close, reflect upon this statement of D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones : “The most wonderful thing of all is not that my sins have been forgiven, nor that I may enjoy certain experiences and blessings as a Christian. The thing that should astound me is that I am a child of God, one of God’s people.”

What astounds you about being a child of God ? Express that to God in prayer.