

Curious: September 26/27

Speaker: Tom Hughes

Below are some study questions that will help you and your Life Group dig deeper into this weekend's sermon. We've included plenty of questions, but feel free to use just a few or to choose whichever questions best fit your group.

Bible Questions:

1. Read Romans 5:6-11
 - a. Ask group members to read the passage again on their own. Give them a few minutes to sit with the passage and then ask the following questions. Which part(s) of these verses speak to you? Verse 10 says, "...our friendship with God was restored..." (Past tense; already happened if you are in Christ). Do you experience your relationship with God as friendship? Why or why not?

Application Questions:

2. During his sermon Tom said, "The word 'gospel' means good news that brings great joy into your life."
 - a. How has the gospel brought "great joy" into your life?
 - b. Where are you struggling to experience the "great joy"?
3. Tom also shared a thought by Martin-Lloyd Jones that "News is a report about something that has happened...it's been done for you and all you can do is respond..."
 - a. Where do you think God has been nudging or prompting you to "respond" to something He's already done for you?
4. Tom said that for those who are Christ followers, "The version of the gospel you accept (advice or good news) will determine the pathway of discipleship you walk".
 - a. Which version of the gospel do you accept? Does that version motivate you to "earn" God's friendship, or "respond" to God's friendship? Explain.
5. One of Tom's closing thoughts was, "The gospel is not just the thing that saves us; it's the thing that matures us, deepens us and frees us."
 - a. In what area of your life do you need the power of the gospel to mature, deepen, or free you?

Closing & Prayer: *[set aside 10-20 minutes for prayer]*

Break into partners and pray for each other:

- Pray for God's help in those areas of your life where you need the gospel to mature, deepen or free you.
- Pray for any other personal needs that you may have.