

Growth Group Curriculum

FALL SEMESTER 2022

Questioning Christianity - Week 3 “Hasn’t Christianity been used to oppress people?”

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REVIEW

1. Was there anything from this past Sunday’s message that challenged or confused you?

2. Can you think of one thing from Sunday’s sermon that you are likely to remember two weeks from now?

MY STORY

1. What are some of the objections or questions you hear when it comes to how those around you who don’t follow Christ view Christianity?

2. Have you ever encountered someone who was critical or dismissive of the Christian faith because of the Church's historical connection to oppression?
 - a. What are some of the examples you recall being cited as examples of persecution the church may have been involved with or culpable for?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read the following verses: Matthew 19:13-15, John 4:1-26, Mark 12:41-44
 - a. What do you notice about Jesus' character in these passages?
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- b. How do Jesus' attitude and action contradict the norms of His culture?
 - c. How does Jesus contradict our culture?
2. Read Matthew 9:9-13, Matthew 6:19-24, 1 Timothy 6:1-10
- a. What do you notice about Jesus' relationship with possessions?
 - b. How might following Jesus' example in this area be a balm to a world full of pain and conflict?
 - c. What is challenging about Jesus' words to you personally?
3. How would you respond to someone who says that they have dismissed Christianity because it has been used to oppress people?

Prayer Requests:

Important dates:

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- **November 14 at 7pm CORE Night**
 - **November 20 - Fall Growth Group Semester ends.**
 - **Dec 4 - "Christmas in the Quad" Advent Party.**
 - **Saturday 12/24 at 3pm Christmas Eve Service - (no service Christmas day)**
 - **January 8th Discover the Bible 101 begins.**
 - **January 29 - Winter Growth Group Semester begins.**