



Life Group Discussion Questions

Sermon: Principles for Christian Living

Date: 8-20-17

- Adam spoke about areas where modern people long for victory or success. What are some current areas for you? It could be in personal, professional, or spiritual matters, or some in each.
- What are some of the ways you could apply the “tips” from the sermon to that area? We heard about combining reliance on God with human effort, and we heard about combining community support with following leadership. Which one of the 4 are you most in need of more of?
- What does working out these 2 balances look like very practically? Try to be as specific as possible.
- The conquest narratives can be deeply troubling to modern people. Do you struggle with them? If not, what helps you know how to handle them? (Note for leaders: it may be helpful just to have your group talk through the pieces brought up in the message about Israel being a theocracy, about God being able to judge every individual fairly, and about God placing nations when and where He does on purpose. It’s also very important to point out that conquest-style events are no longer directly applicable to the Christian life.)
- How do the balances of divine power and human effort, leadership and partnership apply to our salvation?
- As we near the end of our discussion, take the case of a middle-aged man struggling with failing health and asking for healing, or the case of a young woman praying about a job opportunity. What does true “victory” (i.e. from God’s perspective) look like in these situations?
- Pray for one another (community of support!) to live in the victory God intends for us. Praise Christ for taking the rod away from us by putting it on Himself.