

## **LOVE**

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another... (John 13:34)

- Internal: How was your week...anything new?! How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- External: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

## **TRUTH**

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another... (Col. 3:16)

- 1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you? [Dialogue]
- 2. Let's read the primary text. Jesus says is verse 1, "I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead." What does this statement reveal about Jesus?

  Jesus knows. He knows everything about us. Therefore, let us act in accordance with this reality.
- 3. What is Jesus' remedy for experiencing spiritual "deadness"? What can we learn from His stern response?
  - Those who are dead must wake up from their slumber and start doing what they have been instructed to do. His instruction is simple and clear, repent and be obey.
- 4. "Remember what you received." What have we received? Let's recall those things together. [Dialogue] The Gospel. Grace and Truth.
- 5. How does Christ demonstrate his life-giving Spirit in this passage? How do we represent Jesus in this way to others?
  - In our fog of deception, approaching death, Jesus startles us and wake us to what actually is; reality. He loves us enough to rescue you us. Likewise, we can help our brothers and sisters by "waking them up" when we see them in a spiritual fog.
- 6. Jesus speaks of soiled garments vs. garment of white. What are the implications of each?
  Soiled Garments Those who have rejected repentance and ultimately rejected Jesus.
  White Garments Those whose justification is accomplished, their sanctification in progress, and their glorification that is soon to come. They are clothed in righteousness of Jesus.
- 7. What is the main idea of this passage? How would you condense this into a couple sentences? Spiritual laziness and compromise will bring destruction to a church, but Christ is faithful to graciously call those who will hear back to faithfulness and life.
- 8. After studying this passage, do you get the sense of Jesus having a "gray" area for those who follow him?

[Dialogue]

9. Any closing thoughts concerning this text? What have you learned? [Dialogue]

## **GREAT COMMISSION**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity?

## **CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE**

But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives, putting to death sinful desires.

**HOMEWORK:** Meditate on our weekly "Fighter Verse" - Romans 5:18-19. How did last week's verse affect you? Did it cause you to pause or change anything as you progressed through the week?

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