

Seacoast Church Small Group Questions

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New & Improved: Relationships [Ephesians 5:15-21] Small Group Lesson

Scripture

Ephesians 5:15-21 (NIV) - 15 Be very careful, then, how you live-not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. 18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. 19 Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Icebreaker

Geoff opened the message by talking about how we all have control issues. Imagine God told you that starting tomorrow you will be forced to give up control of one thing in your life. This would continue each day until you were left in control of only one thing. Go around the group and answer the following three questions:

- What would you be willing to give up tomorrow?
- What would you want to give up last?
- And what would you keep as the one thing over which you were able to maintain control?

Discussion Questions

1. Geoff mentioned that business owners begin new ventures with a business plan. Discuss what you would like to see happen in some choice areas of your life (relationships, job, small group, etc.).
2. What is something you did this week to help you get closer to the desired future discussed in question #1?
3. Looking at these areas again, how might what you want differ from what God would want?
4. To do what God wants, we must be "filled with the spirit". What does this mean to you?
5. What are some ways you worship God in your everyday life?
6. Real community comes when we give up control and submit. What are some ways we can submit to one another?
7. Describe what our community (both at Seacoast and in the city) might look like if everyone was submitting to one another?