

Fellowship Group Homework and Discussion

Getting Started

1. Describe a time when you made a significant sacrifice on behalf of another person. As you look back on it, are you glad that you made that sacrifice?

2. What one idea impacted you the most in last week's sermon?

Going Deeper

3. What do the following verses say about doing good?
 - James 1:27

 - Matthew 5:16

 - Galatians 6:10

 - Isaiah 58:6-9

 - Hosea 6:6

 - Isaiah 1:12-20

- Ephesians 2:10

 - 1 John 3:17-18
4. Read Ephesians 2:8-10.
 - Are we saved by our good works?

 - What is one reason that is listed in this passage why our good works do not save us?

 5. How can a Christian share what they have in each of the following areas:
 - Money

 - Time

 - Heart

 - Fellowship

 6. How do our Fellowship Groups help to accomplish this purpose?

 7. Are you committed to a Fellowship Group for the coming term? Why or why not?

 8. What changes do you need to make in your life to purify your heart so that your speech will change?

9. A key purpose of our Fellowship Groups is to provide accountability. To help with that, discuss the following questions:
- Have you been making it a regular priority to attend a Sunday morning worship service?
 - Have you been faithful in making Fellowship Group attendance a top priority?
 - Are you praying regularly for the members of your Fellowship Group?
 - Are you caring for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those in your Fellowship Group?
 - Are you taking steps to become more transparent with your Fellowship Group?
 - Are you serving regularly in one area of ministry, preferably in your area of giftedness?
 - Are you maintaining your Oikos list?
 - Are you praying regularly for your Oikos list?
 - What have you done this last week to reveal God to at least one member of your Oikos?

I. The Sacrifice of Doing Good

II. The Sacrifice of Sharing What You Have

III. Why are These Sacrifices Pleasing to God?

IV. Why Should These Sacrifices Be Pleasing to Us?