



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

True Transformation And The Development Of Irresistible Community Life Group Questions for 03.27.11

Read Galatians 5:13-26

1. What is the reason and logic behind repentance being the door to genuine love?
2. If I am living a Christ-centered life and my old self focused life is dropping away who will most likely notice the changes first?
3. In the graphic titled “The Biblical Contrast” the characteristics of the flesh are placed beside the qualities of the Spirit controlled life. Discuss the way people who live in the flesh or in the Spirit have improved your life.

Gal. 5:22-23, which lists the fruit of the spirit, says in verse 23 ... “against such things there is no law.” Why do we have to make laws against the behaviors of the flesh?

Can you understand why heaven will be largely unregulated?

4. If you are letting God lead you and I am letting God lead me, are we going to have a problem with unity? Discuss how God’s reign in our hearts creates the basis for relational health. Illustrate from your life experience.
5. When the Fruit of the Spirit thrives in spite of difficult circumstances lost people notice. When the Fruit of the Spirit is fragile and quickly collapses under adverse circumstances lost people notice. Discuss the connection between consistent life transformation and effective evangelism.
6. The biblical bull’s-eye illustration demonstrates that neither truth nor behavior modifications are enough for our Lord. He wants us to know the truth. He wants us to conform our behavior to his truth. But, above and beyond that, he wants our relationships to showcase the beauty of un-self centered love. What would a church that was hitting the bull’s-eye look like and feel like?
7. In the slide – “How Unsafe Community Happens,” there is a description of toxic conflict. Discuss why we find it so easy to fall into the thinking pattern of “I am more right therefore I must win at all cost.” Why is the assumption that I am superior to others so deadly to right relationships?
8. If we “take up our cross daily and follow Jesus” we will be living in His kingdom of submission and humility. His leadership style of humble sacrificial love becomes our lifestyle as well. What are you willing to do to help build a church that follows Jesus to this magnificent destination?