

Home Group Study Notes - 27/6/21

Better Together N°2 - Healing and wholeness

***Note for study leader:** You might find there's too much to look at fully here (I know I've said that before!). If that's the case, choose what would be best to concentrate on for your group - but please aim at encouraging each other to seek to develop a passion to help each other grow as Christians. God bless you as you lead today. Mike*

Introduction

Invite anyone who is willing, to admit a small sin they gained victory over once. Pray thanks to God for the victory, and for more of his grace and mercy for everyone.

Discovery & Discussion

Read Ephesians 2:1-5

Consider what we were like in our unsaved state – our cravings and unholy desires and thoughts (obviously be sensitive to those with you who don't yet profess Christ as their saviour). Then consider the suggestion from the from the talk on Sunday that these all need to be replaced by more powerful holy urges, passions and beliefs to kill them off.

There is a whopping lie we so easily believe - that 'God is not the supreme satisfier of souls, that he is not infinitely good and worthy to be radically trusted.'

Discuss this and maybe pray for one another at this point...

Read Romans 5:1-11 and look for and discuss the 4 'passions' it was suggested are aroused in us from God's wonderful, gracious working in our live - passions that lead us 'from glory to glory', as Paul puts it in 2 Corinthians 3:18. They are:

The passion to	worship	- prompted by realisation of our new	purity							
“	“	“	trust	“	“	“	“	“	“	identity
“	“	“	grow	“	“	“	“	“	“	desires
“	“	“	obey	“	“	“	“	“	“	power

Response

Maybe spend some time praising God for these wonderful things.

Then consider how we can 'spur one another on to love and good deeds' (Hebrews 10:24) with passions that develop in us as a result of those above, to:

Celebrate another's new **purity** and prompt them in turn to worship God.

Envision who they really are now - forgiven children, moved in turn to **trust** God for their lives.

Discern how God wants each one to **grow**, and help them see it and respond.

Empower one another, with spiritual insight and wisdom, to **obey** God's call and commands with gladness.

Then pray for each other along these lines - for passions to arise in us as we help and are helped.

Remind people that Larry Crabb's book 'True Spiritual Community' has a lot more to say about all of this - highly recommended.

Mike