Small Group Questions October 10, 2021

Series: Asking for a Friend

Message: "Why is Christianity so Conservative?"

This series will examine several "hot topics" of our day. We will attempt to represent the objections/questions about faith in the Jesus of the Bible in a fair way and respond in a Biblical manner. Each issue is quite large, so it is difficult to cover the entirety of the topic. The opportunity exists in the small group context to explore other aspects of the issue if you feel comfortable doing so. Covering these topics may also raise questions by people in your group. Do not feel that you need to have a full answer for every question. Know also that the pastors of WHC are available to engage with you about difficulties you encounter in these challenging subjects.

The main goal of this series is to invite those curious to faith to hear a Christian perspective and to equip believers to be able to interact with those questions that come from their Monday-Saturday world.

Thanks again for your time and effort in shepherding the lives of others!

(Questions to get everyone to participate)

- 1. Who was the best teacher you ever had? What made her/him so good?
- 2. What is the common perception of the Bible in our culture today?

(Questions based on the primary texts)

Read II Timothy 3:10-17.

- 1. In :15, what can you assume about Timothy's life in relation to faith?
- 2. What does Paul say about the origin and purpose of the Bible that is especially relevant to Timothy's situation?
- 3. How do you understand the phrase that the Bible is "God-breathed?" What are the implications of that reality? (:16)
- 4. Put the words "teaching," "rebuking," "correcting," and "training in righteousness" into your own words. (:16)
- 5. What is the purpose of the Bible according to :17? What do you think that purpose looks like in real life?
- 6. What role does the Bible play in your spiritual life? How does it influence your views of some controversial issue of our day?
- 7. What is one way for you to have the Bible be a bigger part of your personal walk with Jesus?