GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Fall 2023 – Acts Sermon Series - "Witness" Week of Nov. 12 (Week 10)

This past Sunday we took a pause from our current sermon study in the book of Acts for Baptism Sunday and looked at Galatians 3:23-28. In this passage the Apostle Paul addresses Christians and as posed by Pastor Mike in his sermon we see three things addressed: (1) Where Christians were, (2) Where Christians are, and (3) How Christians got there.

QUESTION #1: It was said in the sermon that God's law is like a mirror to reflect our sin clearly back at us. The law exposes how truly wicked and sinful we really are. The law of God alone can never change your heart, at best it can control your behavior. Why is this understanding of God's law so important when thinking about and resting in The Gospel?

QUESTION #2: As a Christian, if you are a Christian, then right now, you are no longer held captive to God's law, but you are now held captive to God's love as His child and there is nothing that you could ever do to escape from the love of God. Do you really, truly believe this? Why is this / can this be so hard to believe?

QUESTION #3: As a Christian, how is it that we are no longer being held captive to God's law but are now being held captive by God's love? How is it possible to move from being held captive to God's law to being held captive to God's love?

QUESTION #4: What does it mean to be clothed and covered by the righteousness of God? What is the only way that this happens?

QUESTION #5: At the end of the sermon it was said that although baptism does not save you it is still an integral part of giving your life to Jesus. Baptism is the culmination and capstone of your conversion to Christ and entrance into the body of Christ which is His church. Why is it so important to be baptized? Why are baptism and being a part of the family of God (The Church) so important and inextricably linked?

QUESTION #6: If you have not been baptized and are feeling a tug and pull on your heart to be baptized (or if you have been baptized but feel as though you would like to talk to someone about your baptism and the possibility of being baptized at Church at Bergen) please reach out to Dave Levesque at dave.levesque@churchatbergen.org.

