

THE BIG IDEA CURRICULUM
Living Life Out of Whack
Sermon 27.3.10
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Small Group Study for Week of March 27- 2 April

The Big Idea

Jesus made big claims about what He could and would do in the lives of His followers. However, we don't always see long term change and growth in peoples lives who say they follow Christ. How to have the type of relationship with God that makes sure we don't live our lives out of whack, is the Big Idea this week.

Group Reads: John 7:37-39

1. What does Jesus say will happen to those who believe in Jesus? What does He mean?

Group Reads: Romans 7:14-25

Questions

2. Is the person talking here talking as a follower of Christ or as one who is not yet saved? What is this persons problem, is it ours?

Group Reads Romans 7:25 –Romans 8:1

Comment: Accepting that we are and will always be, until Christ comes, sinners who have been saved by a gift of God is fundamental to our changing and growing long term as Christians. **Discuss.**

3. Why do you think that although Christ says there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, we so often act as if we are condemned? Can the way we live and think about ourselves reflect who we believe about being under condemnation, how?

4. What should we do about what God says we are even though that is not how we often feel?

Group Reads: Romans 8:5-11

Comment: This passage discusses the ongoing life of a Christian who is not under condemnation and is the life long process for the person who realises they are not under condemnation. Followers of Jesus Christ realise they are in a battle but are to fight knowing they are not condemned.

5. How does this passage help me understand my friends who do not have a relationship with God?

6. Who is the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ mentioned in verse 9?

7. Verse 9 tells us that if you don't have Christ you can't have the Spirit, and if you have Christ you have the Spirit. How does that impact the belief that you can be saved but not have the Holy Spirit?

Group Reads: Romans 8:12-17

8. How does God view us while the battle with sin is being waged?

9. How then should we live? How can we help each other live this way?