



Sermon Discussion Questions

Sunday, November 6, 2011 in Davidson
Sunday, November 13, 2011 in Huntersville
Closing Loopholes
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Note to Group Leaders:

This sermon was preached on November 6 at LFC-Davidson and November 13 at LFC-Huntersville.

Introduce it:

Drinking alcohol can be a pretty sticky subject in church settings. You will have various perspectives and attitudes toward alcohol depending on a person's upbringing and effects it has had on their family.

Begin tonight with going around the room and simply having each person share their convictions about alcohol drinking. Ask them to share as well what contributed the most to this conviction: society, church culture, family culture, etc... Be sure during this time not to comment on one another's convictions but simply to hear one another's convictions.

Revisit it: learn the passage preached on.

There are many verses in the Bible that talk about Alcohol.

Have different people ready to read the following passages and go around the room and read each of them.

John 2:6-11; Matt 11:18-19; Psalm 104:14-15; Hosea 2:8; 1 Tim 4:1-5; 1 Tim 5:23

From hearing these verses, what can we conclude the Bible says about alcohol? Only speak to what these verses absolutely tell us and be careful not to assume.

Now, have different people ready to read the following passages and go around the room and read each of them.

Ephesians 5:18; Proverbs 23:29-35; Ecclesiastes 10:17; Luke 21:34; Rom 13:13-14; 1 Cor 5:11; 1 Peter 4:1-6

From hearing these verses, what else can we conclude the Bible says about alcohol? Again be careful to speak only what these verses absolutely tell us.

In many countries, drinking alcohol in a non-abusive manner is part of healthy culture. In what ways have you seen alcohol drinking abused in our culture? Where have you seen it be healthy?

Are there places that you are tempted to abuse alcohol or use it in any of the ways the bible calls unhealthy? How would you ask this group to hold you accountable to honoring God in this area?

In what ways is God creating new convictions in your heart around this topic?

What fake fences were addressed in the sermon do you struggle with? How have these verses assisted with knocking down those fences?

Use it: don't just learn the passage but use it.

Have different people ready to read the following passages and go around the room and read each of them.

1 Cor 10:23-24, 31-11:1; Romans 14:13-15, 20-21

Talk practically as a group of ways you will use your freedom in Christ to build others up in the area of alcohol drinking. Use the two questions from the sermon to have this discussion:

I must use my freedom, out of other-love, when my drinking could harm another person in the following ways...

I must use my freedom, out of self-love, when my drinking could harm myself in the following ways...

The main purpose of this series is for us to see that our freedom in Christ enables us to stay as close to Jesus as we can. In what ways do you see a proper attitude toward drinking alcohol drawing us nearer to Jesus? Because of the affects we have seen alcohol have on families in the Lake Norman Area, we have asked all Community Groups to avoid serving and partaking of alcohol during Community Group Meetings. This is the best way we know to use our freedom in Christ to make sure that all of our Community Groups are safe for families that have been damaged by abuse from alcohol.

Remember it: memorize a verse that helps you to remember and use it.

Choose one of the many verses that were read in todays questions to memorize. Tell the group which one you are going to memorize and why. Write it on a piece of paper and put it in your car and/or on your bathroom mirror and/or your computer. Be ready to share it next week with the group.