LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Ignoring God

Romans 1:21-23

Additional Passages to Consider: Ephesians 4:17-24, Colossians 3:12-17

John's sermon described what the evidence and consequences of Ignoring God shows up in people's lives: Gratitude Disappears, Confusion Abounds, and Worship Darkens.

The Bible is clear that every person is in such a state prior to conversion to Christ. Therefore, when someone becomes aware they are ignoring God, the way out of such of a life is through repentance and faith in Christ. In Christ, we receive new birth, new life, and the Holy Spirit takes up residence in us. We then seek to reflect this identity change by putting off our old self that ignored God and putting on our new self that is alive in Christ.

- Ephesians 4:17-24 speaks of putting off our old self and putting on our new self.
- Colossians 3:12-17 teaches us some ways to do that and the fruit in our attitude we should see as a result.

Questions:

- 1. Talk about shifting from gratitude disappearing to gratitude growing. <u>Possible questions</u>:
 - What helps you lean into gratitude?
 - What do you have to be grateful for in your life right now and over the past year?
- 2. Talk about shifting from confusion abounding to clarity and stability abounding. Possible questions:
 - How can we grow in our understanding of God's Word and confidence in it?
 - What does God invite us to do if we are confused about something (James 1:5-8)?
- 3. Talk about shifting from false worship deepening to true worship flourishing. <u>Possible questions</u>:
 - What are some ways you can tell when you are elevating something God has created to the level of worshipping it?
 - What things or experiences have you struggled with worshipping instead of God recently?
 - What are opportunities you anticipate you will have to give thanks to God and share the hope of life under God this holiday season? With other believers and with non-believers?