



House Church Study Questions Based on the SAC Sermon on July 18, 2021

Sermon: The Nature and Purpose of Church

Text: Ephesians 6:1-9

Gathering Guidelines

-Watch intro video for this week.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Okgbwi3zoel>

Take some time to worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXg2ztge8f0> Here I Am To Worship

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhrB_KTUwaI How Great Is Our God

Read Ephesians 6:1-9

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker Question: If you had to choose what kind of pet you would want would it be:

1. A dog
2. A cat
3. An iguana
4. A rabbit
5. Other?

Question #1:

Here are the questions that started our sermon on Sunday:

“Do you believe that God desires the best for you?”

“Do you believe that He would ask you to do anything that would not be in your best interests?”

“Are you willing to change your lifestyle if it means honoring His desires for you?”

Talk in your group what you think of these questions.

Question #2:

Obedience is a big deal to God. It is a critical element in our life with Him. But it's something that is hard for us to swallow sometimes, I mean, who really *likes* to be told what to do?

In Ephesians 6:1-3 God tells us to:

- Obey our parents (meaning when we are younger and still under their direct care.)**
- Honor our fathers and mothers (always, no matter our ages).**

Most of us working through these questions are older, so the question for you is this: how would you go about honoring your father and/or mother? What things would you do or stop doing?

Question #3:

In verses 5-9 Paul talks about the relationship between slaves and masters. Paul is not addressing the social structures of his day (that slavery should be abolished), but is instead communicating that God is calling each of His children to live with transformed hearts.

Think of this teaching in terms of employees (slaves) and employers (masters). Read verses 5-8 and talk about how God would want you to treat your employers.

Question #4:

Read verse 9 to talk about how masters (employers) should treat their employees.

Question #5:

At the beginning of this study you were asked this question: "Are you willing to change your lifestyle if it means honoring His desires for you?"

As you think about your family or work relationships, is there anything that you feel is not right in you before God and would you like get it right?

You have the opportunity now to confess your sins and to receive forgiveness and freedom in these areas. Remember this: God *always* blesses obedience!

Pray for each other

Invitation and Mission for this week

James 1:22 says that we should not just listen to God's word but do it. This week you have the opportunity to treat your mother and/or father with the honor they deserve. And you have the opportunity to do the same in your work relationships.

Claim Phil 4:13 for yourself and trust the Lord's strength to help you follow through.