

Pursuing a Culture of Discipleship

Session 3: Essential Truths That Are Overlooked

Small Group Study Guide: Read pages 11-23

1. Introduce the Session

5 Minutes

Key Verse

Colossians 2:6, 19 As you have received Jesus Christ as Lord, keep on following Him...(19) and they are not holding fast to the head, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God.

- In this session we will explore three essential truths that are often overlooked in our contemporary Gospels: The Lordship of Jesus, following Him as a disciple, and living in the context of God's family on missions.
- Begin the session by opening with prayer.

2. Watch the video

20 minutes

Bible Passage

John 12:26, Colossians 1:18, Colossians 2:6,19

Summary Points

Three essentials that are often forgotten in the contemporary church are the Lordship of Jesus, following Him as disciples, living among His family.

It is difficult to receive Him as Savior but not Lord (Acts 2:36).

God's design for discipleship and maturity is walking in real family life with Him and others.

3. Discussion Questions

20 minutes

Q. What are the fruits in someone's life who attempts to receive Jesus and Savior but not Lord?

Q. What are characteristics of a church in which Jesus isn't "head of the body, the church, that He would come to have first place in everything"?

Q. Describe the traits of a consumer Christianity where these essentials are overlooked?

Q. What part of living in Biblical family life among His people most challenging?

Discussion Quote: "The great Christian revolutions came not by the discovery of something that was not there before. They happen when someone takes radically something that has always been there." H. Richard Niebuhr

4. PIP (Put it into Practice)

15 Minutes

Make a commitment to walk in real family life with God's people and let others know about it personally. Make sure you let people and leaders know your intention.

What are a couple of steps you can take to become a responsible follower and family member? Begin to take those steps.