

IMPACT GROUPS

Week 11: Nov. 26 - Nov. 30, 2019

"The Jesus Trip"

Sermon Date: Nov. 24, 2019

Link to sermon:

<http://www.impactlondon.ca/livestreamarchives/>



Link to weekly reading guide:

<http://www.impactlondon.ca/the-jesus-trip/>

Ice Breaker: Think of two things that don't mix well together (e.g. oil and water). Have you ever tried to mix them? What happened?

Romans 6:17 - "...yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness."

Acts 20:24 - "...and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."

Ephesians 1:6-7 - "...to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace..."

Galatians 1:11-12 - "But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ."

Ephesians 4:23-24 "...be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."

Colossians 3:1-2 "If then you have been raised with Christ [indicative], seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above [positive imperative], not on things that are on earth [negative imperative]."

Discussion Questions

1. Read Romans 6:17-18. What do you think Paul meant by describing his message as a "pattern," or "form," or "system" of teaching? What was the benefit of embracing Paul's system of truth?
2. Read Acts 20:24, Eph. 1:6-7, and Gal. 1:11-12. What was the main theme of Paul's message? Where did he get it from?
3. The Apostle Paul used the word grace in his system of teachings more than any other writer in the Bible (144x). What is the grace of God? Put it into your own words as if you were describing it to someone who had never heard before. Share with the group what you come up with.
4. Paul's system of teaching usually followed the same pattern in each of his letters to churches. He gave them *indicatives* (descriptions of what Jesus has done for us), and then *imperatives* (instructions for how to live). Why do you think he always gave the indicative **before** the imperative?
5. What happens if you try to talk about the imperatives without properly understanding the indicatives? Or in other words, when you try to follow the instructions without first knowing what Jesus has done for you?
6. Read Eph. 4:23-24 and Col. 3:1-2. E.M. Fitzpatrick said "*God calls you to become who you already are in Christ.*" What do you think this means and how do we do this?
7. What happens if you try to mix the law with grace? What are ways that we might be tempted to do that in our own lives and relationships with God?
8. Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones said: "When you preach grace, unless your conscience accuses you of licence you haven't preached grace." Discuss what you think he meant by this?

What's Going on at Impact Church?

- * Corporate prayer meetings: Wednesdays, 6pm at Impact Church.
- * Nov. 28, 7pm at Impact Church: An Addiction Seminar by Teen Challenge
- * Impact Family Group Christmas. Dec. 1 (contact: office@impactlondon.ca)
- * Save the date: Impact Connect, Sat. Dec. 7th.

Email any questions about your readings to: groups@impactlondon.ca