



Pastor PJ Berner • April 28, 2024

THE SHEPHERD

John 8:48-59 | The Secret to a Vibrant Faith: Why It All Boils Down to Jesus

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Discussion Questions

Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit compassntx.org to join a small group near you.

1. Read **Ephesians 5:1-16**. What do you notice in this passage about our need to be a discerning people? How should discernment affect our interactions with media, culture, and personal relationships?

2. Read **Romans 14**. How does this passage help us as we consider the concept of Christian liberty? How does this help us understand what to do when two Christians disagree on whether or not something is appropriate or right for a believer to watch, listen to, read, engage in, etc.? What responsibility does Paul place on each individual in Romans 14:22?

3. Read **Philippians 1:19-21**. Have you ever been around someone like this who was so consumed with honoring Christ with every facet of their life? If so, what are some of the things that stood out to you about how they showed this in their life? If not, what do you think that life would/should look like?

4. Read **1 Thessalonians 5:16** and **2 Corinthians 6:10**. These passages and many others in the NT suggest that the Christian life should be marked by general joyfulness and even happiness. The word for “rejoice” in Greek doesn’t hold up to the distinction we often apply to joy and happiness. How, then, can/should we be a happy people in the midst of a fallen and broken world?