

Week 35 – Questions to Consider

Ephesians 3-6, Philippians 1

Fun Small Group Warm Up Question:

Tell us a funny (but appropriate) joke.

1. Who would you go to jail for? Why would you go to jail for them? What does Paul mean when he says he is a “a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles” (Ephesians 3:1)?
2. What would it be like to inherit unimaginable wealth? What if someone outside of your family was adopted into the will and shared the inheritance? How would you feel about that? Why would the Jews have such a hard time sharing their beliefs and God with the Gentiles?
3. Paul references the joy of preaching “the unsearchable riches of Christ and to bring to light to everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God” (Ephesians 3:9). How do we get the same privilege? Who shared the Gospel with you? What if they had given up on you?
4. What guides your prayer life? Who do you pray the most for? Why? How do you pray them? How do we see Paul praying in Ephesians 3:14-21? What can we learn from his example?
5. Have you ever had the job or responsibility of representing someone else, a business, a school, or an organization? How did that situation affect how you acted and spoke? Why is it so important to live our lives “in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called?” (Ephesians 4:1) What does that look like for us as Christians?
6. What was the best gift you got for Christmas, a birthday, or an anniversary? How did you enjoy and use that gift? How has God gifted you (Ephesians 4:8)? How are you using those gifts? How do you want to improve in using your giftings?
7. According to Ephesians 4:12-15, what are some of the goals and purposes for our church? Why are these purposes so important? Why is truth without love so unhelpful? Why is love without truth so unhelpful? Why do we need both truth and love?
8. What would you say is the purpose, priorities, and motivations of the world around us? How do they live? Why does God call us to live differently? (Ephesians 4:17-24)
9. Is it possible to be angry and righteous at the same time? (Ephesians 4:26). Why does God say to “not let the sun go down on your anger”? What can we do to ensure that we obey this command in our relationships? How can we better protect ourselves, our families, coworkers, etc. from Satan’s schemes?

More questions at: www.southfork.church/2022-discussion-questions

How to Be Spiritually Strong

Ephesians 3:14–21 (ESV)

Physical Strength Is Important: Spiritual Strength Lasts F_____.

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S_____ with Prayer

v.14 I bow my knees before the Father

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Check Your P_____ Life: What & Whom Do You Value?

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Check Your S_____:

Are You Spiritually Alive or Spiritually Dead?

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Assess Your Spiritual Weaknesses & Strengths

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**Check Your E_____ Strength:
Are You Loving the Way Jesus Loved You?**

v.17 being rooted and grounded in love

John 15:12 “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

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**Check Your M_____ Strength:
Do Your Beliefs Line Up with Reality
(Scripture)?**

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Church U_____.

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This Next Week’s New Testament Reading Plan:

Week 36: Philippians 2-4, Colossians 1-2

- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** www.southfork.church/jesus
- **Daily Verse by Text Message:** remind.com/join/sfbcdevo
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