

Life Group Discussion Questions

Week of Feb. 7-13, 2010

On Learning in Church- The Power of the Word

Summary – NCCC is a learning church, as the early church was (Acts 2:42). We value the word of God. It is living and active. It brings new birth and new life to individuals and churches. NCCC was birthed by the word of God taught and preached. you, if you are a Christian, were birthed spiritually through the teaching and preaching of the word of God. And because of its power, permanence and preciousness, we should prize it, hunger for it, read it, study it, and live it.

General:

1. What spoke to you? What stood out?
2. What questions did it raise for you?

Specific:

3. In what ways is NCCC a learning church? Do you agree or disagree that this is a major characteristic of our church? Is our commitment to learning appropriate, or out of balance in some way?
4. How and when did you **first** experience the word of God? What kind of experience was it for you? (positive, negative, boring, exciting, convicting, comforting)
5. Describe an experience where you experienced the power of the word in your own life.
6. Discuss NCCC's balance of knowledge and application, among its members and regulars. Also comment on the staff's emphasis is preaching and teaching. Is it more on knowledge, more about application, or an appropriate balance?
7. What is the needle on your "hunger for the word meter?"
8. Where are we in our Bible reading? Regular, sporadic, short, length, etc. How do you do it? When?
9. What are the word-killers for you (things that take away your interest, keep you from getting into it, that distract you)? What do you do to fight them off?
10. What are some ways we can get the word of God into the lives of our friends and neighbors? How can we expose them to the life-giving word?

Rabbit Trail of the week: Someone comes up to you and says, "How can Christians say that the Bible is the word of God? It was written by men, written so long ago, and has errors and inconsistencies in it." How do you respond?