

2023 Aim Check-in

- Becoming disciples who make disciples, who make disciples.
 - Creating a community of faith that meaningfully engages our community of residence.
1. In the time since you last met as a H2H group, have you made any movement towards the aims we've set for 2023?
 2. How might we as a H2H group help support or encourage you towards these aims?

Discussion Questions Set #1

“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” (Matthew 7:12-14)

1. Why do you think the Golden Rule holds such a prominent place in culture outside of the church?
2. How might holding to a more karmic understanding of the Golden Rule – believing that we treat others the way we want to be treated so that they treat us well – actually betray the sense of what Christ is teaching here? How might understanding this teaching as a way to show Christ-like love to others help us better apply it?
3. Discuss the significance that the Golden Rule encourages love to be put into action. Why is it important that we as followers of Jesus understand love as an action and not simply a disposition towards others?

Discussion Questions Set #2

Heaven is a place where “God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God”.

It is a city that “not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp” (Revelation 21:23).

Hell is a place of “everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.” (2 Thessalonians 1:9).

1. There seems to be a reluctance in modern Christianity to discuss the realities of heaven and hell. Why might this be the case?
2. How can we discuss these realities without leaning into “hypercritical, hypocritical, condemning judgement”?
3. What difference might it make to our faith to recognize that there is a “not yet/future” component to the kingdom of heaven? What hope does this give? What caution does this communicate?

Discussion Questions Set #2

Jesus came “not come to abolish [the Law or the Prophets] but to fulfill them” (Matthew 5:17).

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6)

“I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved” (John 10:9).

1. Discuss the following quote: in fulfilling the Law and Prophets, Jesus re-routed the road to God’s kingdom through Himself.
2. Why is it important to recognize Jesus as the narrow way and the narrow gate? Discuss the “exclusivity” of this way.
3. Compare and contrast what you know of the narrow, small-gated road and the broad wide-gated road.
4. Why might this idea be important? The rightness of the path is only determined by its ultimate destination.