

2023-24 Aim Check-in

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

Discussion Questions Set #1

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering." (Romans 8:1-3)

The Romans Road is a set of verses from the book of Romans laying out God's plan of salvation.

1. How do you think our culture understands the idea of sin? Are you seeing any changes in the way sin is viewed or interpreted in our world?
2. What "part" of the Roman Road is most encouraging to you? What "part" offers the most challenge?
3. In what way does the Romans Road suggest the importance of a correct view of sin in the life of a follower of Jesus?

Discussion Questions Set #2

In sermon, we encountered the following three points in our various passages (Matthew 9-13, John 8:1-11, Luke 7:36-47) in which Christ interacted with a "sinner":

- a. Jesus manifested an orientation towards the sinner (reciprocity).
 - b. In Christ's response to "sinners", we encounter beautiful compassion (compassion).
 - c. Those who hold a position that both acknowledges the depths of their sinfulness and the incredible, undeserved grace extended to them by Jesus Christ, are enabled to offer loving and acceptable worship of God (humility).
1. Why is an orientation to the sinner important in our approach to the world around us? What happens if we over-orient to "sinners saved by grace"? What happens if we over-orient to "sinners"? How might a balance be struck in this?
 2. Why is compassion important in our approach to the sinner? If you could rate our percentage of compassion extended to the sinner as a church in North America in 2024, what percentage between 0 and 100 would you assign to us? What outcomes form because of our "percentage of compassion extended"?
 3. Discuss how an accurate understanding of our sinfulness affects our worship of God. Discuss the differences in Simon's welcome of Jesus and the woman's welcome of Jesus.

Discussion Questions Set #3

Answer and discuss the following sermon application questions as they apply to you, your H2H group, or our church family:

1. Is there a gravitational pull towards ministry to "sinners" in my life?
2. Are we a people drawn to the "sinner" and to whom the "sinner" is drawn or are we a holy huddle, satisfied with the purity of our community alone?
3. Are we a people able to separate condemnation from calls for repentance in our approach to those yet to follow Jesus?
4. Are we a people who understand the miracle that has occurred in our transformation from "sinners" to "sinners saved by grace" and does this reality impact our worship of God?
5. Might our lack of urgency and extravagance in worship point to a lessening in our love for Jesus?