

Groups Discussion

March 29, 2023

1 John 2:12-15

Pastor Craig went over the difference in writing for these this passage vs. the scripture in the rest of the letter. This section primarily focuses on different stages of maturity within our walk with God and how we relate our past and present situations to what God is doing in our lives.

Pastor Craig also talked about two different Greek terms for children and their usage. Teknia in v12 suggests- children as in a parent/child relationship and could be considered more of a new believer. Paidia in v14 means the subordination of the child and Pastor Craig goes on to say that paidia can also mean the subordination under the teaching and authority of scripture. Are we ready to subordinate ourselves to the authority of Christ?

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1)Not including deadlines, how do you motivate yourself to get stuff done?
- 2)What is one encouraging piece of advice that you would give your 16 year old self?

SERMON NOTES REVIEW (*This section never changes*)

Looking back at your sermon notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything said that caught your attention, challenged you or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 1)Where would you say your spiritual maturity is at? Is there anything holding you back from growing in your spiritual walk with Christ?
- 2)Have you experienced God in a way that you knew He was there in your past?
- 3)Are you willing to learn from your past and present knowing God will use it in the future?

TAKING IT HOME & ACTION STEPS

- 1) Read 2 Corinthians 1:4 – If we look at our past and present and what God has allowed us to learn from those situations, does this verse give you comfort? Is there a situation where you have used what God allowed you to go through to help comfort someone else who may now be going through the same thing?

What is a passion or spiritual gift that God has given you to use? Are you using it? Do these gifts or passions come from an experience that you have been through?

PRAYER TIME

Give a guided prayer instruction to tie it all together. Be mindful of the time it would take larger groups to get through the prayer exercise. I can be simple.