

Crossroads Covenant Church
sermon-based small group discussion guide for January 27, 2019

Getting to Know Us- building intimacy in your shared group

1. Have you ever been to a county fair or state fair? Do you have any favorite event or booth that you look forward to when you attend one?

Getting into the Word- digging deeper into the message

1. Read about Lot's wife who looked back in Genesis 19:15-26. Read what Jesus says about looking back in Luke 9:61-62. Read how Paul thinks about his own past in Phil 3:4-8. Compare and contrast how these passages are different and similar in their approach to longing for the past.
2. The religious leaders questioned Jesus' about His disciples not fasting, and yet fasting was never commanded as a regular practice in the Mosaic Law. Read from Leviticus 16:29-31; 23:26-32 which command the one day of self-denial per year. Discuss why Jesus would respond to their tradition using the analogy of a wedding feast.
3. The Gospel never changes, but the way it is presented must change according to the context of the hearers. Read Paul's different presentations of the same message to the Roman jailer in Acts 16:25-34, to religious Jews in Acts 17:1-3, to philosophers in Acts 17:22-34, and to disciples of John in Acts 19:1-6. Discuss how Paul maintains the integrity of the message of Christ in different settings.

Application- sharing personal experiences

1. One phrase that we often hear in evangelism is "meeting people where they are at". Are you holding on to any traditions of the past that make it difficult to relate to a younger generation when giving the Gospel today? Are the challenges of connecting with people outside of your comfort zone a stumbling block in your personal evangelism?