



WEEK SIX | RECONSTRUCTING GOOD FAITH

I hope last week's discussion was an opportunity and not a thing to dread. If given the chance, coming to terms with the condition of our hearts (faith, fruits of the Spirit, rooted in Jesus, etc.) will lead us to what we are talking about today. The bitterness and division in secular culture and politics in relation to Christian behavior and identity is evidence something is very wrong in the hearts of too many believers. You can't hate and love, have compassion and no mercy, live angry and be joyful in the same heart at the same time. It just doesn't work. There is a better way and Jesus showed us what it is.

GETTING STARTED

What do you think about the statement "It doesn't matter what you believe as long as you are sincere"?

What do you think deconstruction is really about?

TALK ABOUT IT

Do you think people are mostly asking "Is Christianity true?" or "Is Christianity good?"

How might Christians have contributed to that uncertainty?

What are some characteristics of good faith?

What are some characteristics of bad faith?

How have you struggled with some characteristics of bad faith?

Read Luke 18:10-14 (prayers of the Pharisee and tax collector)

Compare the differences between the bad faith of the Pharisees and the good faith of his followers.

APPLY IT

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

When you hear this list of characteristics of love, which ones do you struggle with the most?

What is really challenging for you when it comes to loving everyone?

P R A Y

Love is our guide, truth is our foundation, gentleness and respect are our approach, Jesus is our unity. None of that is easy but Jesus never promised that following him would be easy. Let's pray.