

Authentic Discipleship

#5 -Doublecross, Part 2

Read Chapter #5 – “Doublecross, Part 2” (pages 55-63) before meeting.

“If we emphasize only our death with Christ, however, we will never see what God purposed to be resurrected out of our death: new life. We can stand at the tomb all day celebrating our death and never get on to life. In Romans 6, Paul emphasized both our crucifixion with Christ *and* our resurrection with Him.”¹

Read:

- Romans 6:4-11

“Paul calls the New Testament life a walk. What is the sustenance, the life, of that walk? It isn’t us trying to walk for God. I may look like that on the outside, but we have taken the Lamb of God into us. He is not only the forgiveness of our sins. He is also the life within us, from whom we make the journey.

One cross fulfills both purposes, just as there was a lamb for two purposes. God says, “Take the blood and put it on your door. Take the meat and put it in your body. Put the life in you. Unless you put the life in you, you’ll always be operating in the realm of captivity. When you put the life in you, you’ll be ready to live. You’ll be ready to start the journey.

We can walk around for years with a sense of forgiveness but no sense of life. We have the life within us, but we don’t know it. We try to generate the life ourselves, but we are doomed to failure because it’s impossible for us to generate the life. God is telling us, “I will share My glory with no man. Only I can live My life. But I will impart the life to you. I will give you the life. I will live it through you.”

That’s why there isn’t anything beyond the grace of God, completely understood, that is necessary for living the Christian life. All you’re ever going to need for life is in the cross – both sides of the cross.”²

Group Questions and Discussion:

1. Compare 1 John 4:15 and John 14:20. (p55)
2. What did God purpose to be resurrected from our death with Christ? (p56)
3. What is one of the reasons that God raised us from our death with Christ? (p56)

Read:

- Exodus 12:3-14
- John 6:47-58

Small Groups (max 2-3) Questions:

1. How did the Passover foreshadow both sides of Christ’s work on the cross? (p57)
2. What is significant about the Israelites eating the lamb? (p57-58)
3. What happens if we try to generate the life? (P58)
4. What are the two ways we are saved? (p58-59)
5. What is “eternal life?” (p59)

¹ Dan Stone and David Gregory, *The Rest of the Gospel, When the Partial Gospel Has Worn You Out* (Eugene, Harvest House Publishers, 2000), 56.

² *Ibid.*, 58.

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Whole Group:

1. What does the life of God living through us look like? Who lives this life? (60-61)
2. Does a Christian want to sin? (p61)
3. According to the book, what are the three questions life boils down to? (p62)
4. What is our part in getting the revelations of these truths? (p62)
5. What does 1 Corinthians 6:17, 2 Corinthians 4:7, and 2 Corinthians 3:16 say to you?

Prayer