

Disciples Church

Session 4 - What We Believe-Part 3

Week of October 18, 2017

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**Church**

1. Discuss the difference between *universal Church* and *local church*.
2. What is the Great Commission Jesus gave to His Church?
* How do we honor the Great Commission?
* What is the key passage from the Gospel of Matthew about discipleship?
1. What are the three roles in the local church?
* Take a moment to pray for our members, elders, and that the Lord would raise up biblically qualified deacons.
1. What are the *primary* duties of the local church?
* How have you observed and/or experienced these things at Disciples Church?

**Church Ordinances**

1. What are the two New Covenant ordinances Christ instructed for the church?
* How have our catechism lessons on these helped you understand them better and enjoy them more?

**Marriage and Singleness**

1. What is marriage?
2. What roles did God ordain for men and women within the family?
* Is man or woman more important than the other?
1. Should everyone get married? Why or why not?

**Christian Accountability**

1. What is Christian accountability and discipline?
* Why do we practice Christian accountability and discipline?
* Share testimony of how you have grown away from sin and into Christ-likeness through the means of Christian accountability/discipline.

**Last Things: Resurrection, Final Judgment, and Eternity**

1. Beyond this life, are there other opportunities to be redeemed from guilt and reconciled to God?
2. What is the final judgment?
* Based on the reality of coming judgement, what more can you do to love your neighbor in ways that makes the gospel the most important thing in your relationship with them?
1. What is hell?
2. What will eternal life be like in the new heaven and new earth for the elect?
3. Why is it important to have a Biblical understanding of “last things?”

**Reviewing the Beliefs**

1. How has this 3 session/week overview of our Statement of Beliefs helped you (Information, confirmation, unity, deeper love for Jesus and His word, etc.)?
2. Do you have standing questions about the beliefs that your table leader should follow up with you on?