

Disciples Church

Alcohol According to the Bible, Part 1

Week of September 6, 2017

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

1. Read **2 Timothy 3:16-17.**

* How have you grown in understanding and applying that Scripture is the highest authority in our lives?
* Share a time when you have been reproved or corrected by Scripture.
* How is Scripture training you in an ongoing way in your sanctification?

1. Read **Proverbs 28:26** and **Jeremiah 17:9.**

Have you ever thought that your thoughts about something were biblical only to find later that Scripture actually teaches something completely different?

How can we avoid being deceived by our own thoughts?

1. Why is our conscience an unreliable source of truth?

How do outside influences affect our consciences?

How can our conscience be used for our sanctification?

1. **Read Isaiah 25:6 & Isaiah 55:1.**

* Have you realized in your past reading of Scripture how God speaks of wine as a blessing? How does this help your overall view of alcohol?
* We also saw in our passages tonight that God has given wine as a good gift; how does this help your overall view of alcohol?

1. We looked at three different positions on alcohol: prohibition, abstention, and moderation. As we look at the definitions given for each position, why is moderation the only biblical position?
2. What do the prohibition and abstention positions infer is the root cause of drunkenness? What does the gospel specify as the root cause of drunkenness? Why is it so important to deal with the root cause and not just the symptom of sin?
3. Does the moderation position require that a Christian must exercise their freedom to recreationally drink alcoholic beverages? Why or why not?
4. How is the argument that the wine spoken of positively in Scripture is actually grape juice (or unfermented wine) invalidated by Scripture?
5. **Read Matthew 11:18-19.**

Why is it important for us to have a correct view of alcohol?

Spend some time in prayer.