

28 May 2023 -- Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group

"The Theology of Ephesians: Sin Kills but God Makes Alive" -- Ephesians 4:17-24

1. What does Ephesians tell us about how man came to exist (3:9)?
2. What important truth do we necessarily understand about God Himself from the fact that He created all things?
3. If man was created by God in His image, why is man so bad today (2:1-3, 11-12)?
4. What is the crucial result of man's sin on his ability to respond to God (2:1-3)?
5. What does "total depravity" mean?
6. What does "total depravity" NOT mean?
7. As a person believes and follows Christ, what is taking place in his/her being (4:22-24)?
8. What three conditions (states) of mankind does Ephesians show that man has experienced?
9. What, or who, is the primary aim of God's redemptive plan (1:3-6, 11-14, 18; 2:4)?
10. What other things in the world are being redeemed? How?
11. Does man have dignity and worth? If so, why?
12. Has man marred his dignity and worth? If so, how?
13. Where do fallen and unregenerate people try to find their worth?
14. Why do some people believe that they are worthless and insignificant?
15. What is sin?
16. How does ignoring or dismissing the presence of sin in your life render you unable to know and understand yourself properly?
17. How has western civilization historically viewed sin in the life of mankind? How has this truth impacted areas such as government, justice, education, and other areas of society?
18. How do modern views of man minimize sin?
19. Has mankind completely lost the image of God after falling into the state of sin? Why or why not?
20. How does gender confusion and perversion render a person unable to properly know God? Does gender confusion erase God's image in a person's being?
21. Gender confusion aside, how does a lack or failure to know and act according to who one is as a man or a woman contribute to a misunderstanding about God?
22. Do men today fail to be men? If so, how? Do females today fail to be female? If so, how?