CTK Community Group Sermon Discussion Questions & Announcements Week of 3/26/23

DISCUSSION: 1 Peter 1:22-2:3

(Discuss the question cluster below - as much or as little as works for your group) *Feel free to break off into smaller groups if it helps you share more personally*

We took a short break from our Belonging series to hear from Pastor Chris Reed, the Associate RUF minister at Howard University.

- I. This week, our passage (1 Peter 1:22-2:3) focused on Peter's call to love one another earnestly as transformed by the truth of God in Christ Jesus, to love the Word of God as our source of life and flourishing and to put away "all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander." Let's discuss how these things impact our lives.
 - A. What connected with you from the sermon or from the passage?
 - B. What feels challenging to you personally about having Scripture God's Word feel like a source of life and flourishing?
 - 1. When has Scripture felt like it's really been meaningful and life giving to you? What was different or memorable about that time(s)?
 - 2. When do you find it easier to spend some time in Scripture? How might you build on those moments that feel easier instead of trying to force your way through the times when it's just hard?
 - C. In what ways is God calling you to put down malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy or slander this week?
 - 1. What if God's (and His Word) could be helpful to you in that? Would it feel less like of a burden that you're carrying on your own?
 - 2. Is there some way you expect can't or won't help with that thing?
 - 3. What would it look to turn to God for help in making that thing right, confessing, apologizing, etc.?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For Holy Week this year, we will be participating in a tenebrae service with other Cambridge-area churches. The service will be held at Pentecostal Tabernacle (56 Magazine St., Cambridge), on Good Friday, April 7th at 7:30p.
- There will also be a sunrise service on Easter at 6:30a, followed by a simple breakfast. Our normal service will also remain at 10:30a that morning.