

CTK Community Group Sermon Discussion Questions & Announcements

Week of 6/26/22

DISCUSSION: [Mark 12:13-17](#)

(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

The sermon helped us see that, in this passage, Jesus is saying we are actually the image of God. Which means we were made for so much more than the temporary things of this life. Yet, oftentimes, we let our hearts get completely wrapped around temporary things and our lives and relationships suffer for it. Let's talk about how Jesus may be drawing us out of the traps of the temporary things of this life and into a life of that belongs more fully to God.

- A. What's something that's been on your mind a lot this week that's caused anger, anxiety, stress, etc.?
1. *How might having an 'image bearer mindset' (remembering how much dignity, value and love you have as someone who belongs to God and is made in his image) change your perspective on what was going on (if you'd had that mindset in the moment)?*
 2. *What would you have done differently if you felt more sure that you truly belong to God, that these things will not last as long as his love and power will, and that he will only use these things for your good and his glory in the end?*
 3. *What's something practical you / we could do (a reminder, a habit, etc.) to help you / us bring an image bearer mindset into use more and more in our lives?*
- B. How does it change the way you think about your relationship with God to know that your standing with him depends on Jesus' work on the cross (his stepping into the trap of sin for you, to break it) and not on how you feel about yourself or what you do?
1. *Do you ever find it difficult to trust that what determines how valuable God thinks you are is what Jesus did and not what you've done this past hour, week, year?*
 2. *What's something you might let go of or starting feeling free to do if you really believed God loves you no matter what? Are there things you would try? Fears you might let go of?*
 3. *What help do you need from God to believe that his love for you doesn't depend on you? How do you need him to work in your life?*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Save the Date:** we'll be doing a **picnic on July 4th** at 4:30p down at Dana Park. Feel free to bring chairs or a picnic blanket. There's a link on the back of the bulletin where you can go to RSVP and sign up to bring a side dish.
- This summer, the **CTK Women's Summer Book Club** will be exploring a book series called *Wingfeather* by Andrew Peterson. Rachel Thrasher and Katie Carr will be team-leading as we meet 5 times over the course of the summer to discuss just the first two of this series. The first meeting will be on Wednesday June 29th at 7:30p. More information on the website.