

SMALL GROUP GROWTH GUIDE

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BIG IDEA: When the World is in Chaos its Christ or Chaos. Belong to Christ.

BELONG

As you consider the values this nation is projecting, are you encouraged or discouraged by our direction? Why or why not?

GROW

When dealing with the chaos in life be it personal, or societal three means Dale shared in Belonging to Christ were; Speak the Truth, Prayer, and actually Belonging to Christ. Of those three which one do you feel you most confident in? Least? What did you do to become confident that might encourage someone else? With your least confident pick, what piece of information to you believe you need to become more confident?

SPEAK TRUTH

1. If you look at first century church history, by 70ad Rome wipes clean the Jewish way of life. Then off and on for the next three centuries they persecute the Church. How did the knowledge of the gospel in those early Christians play out so much so that it upended an empire? Do you believe that can happen in our time? Why or why not? Do you want it to? How willing are you to expend the energy to make it so?
2. To belong to Christ means to speak the truth in love. What do you have to know? Proverbs 30:5-6, Psalm 119:160, John 17:17. The chaos comes in the battle for the truth—Genesis 3:4-5. Pilate asked Jesus this very question, John 18:38. What is truth?
3. Ephesians 4:11-16. Maybe the reason we struggle with this is I don't want to create more problems in my life, or more tension. Why are we to speak the truth in love? What or who is it for? Matthew 18:15-17, James 5:19-20

PRAY

4. Ephesians 5:19. What are truth are we to speak in? The imprecatory psalms can be hard to read, (psalm 7, 35, 55, 59, 69, 79, 109, 137, 139.) Based on Paul's writing it's to simplistic to say "that's for the Old Testament, we live in the new." Should we be praying for our enemies destruction? Why or why not? What were the two ways God destroys and enemy? Give examples.
5. 1 Samuel 24:1-13. What is the distinction between King David praying for the destruction of his enemies, but when the opportunity presented he did not take the life of Saul? Is this a valid distinction? Why or why not?

BELONG TO CHRIST

6. Ephesians 4:17-32. What is the gospel of Jesus Christ? What does it do? How do you know you are saved by it? Are you saved by Jesus Christ?

REACH—The gospel must be lived out in all areas of life. Personal, family, business, the arts, entertainment, government. How can you or as a group see to it that it does? What fears to you have?