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LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

June 30, 2013

Matthew's Gospel: Kingdom Greatness

Read Colossians 2:6-15:

- 1) Read Colossians 2:6-7. Take a moment to go around the group and discuss people who have had an impact on your faith. How did you see them walk with Christ? If you don't have anyone in particular, what might you imagine someone who established in the faith might do to walk with Christ?
- 2) Read 2:8-10. Was there ever a time that you were held captive by a certain philosophy or "empty deceit?" Describe how it affected your thinking and actions. Paul contrasts the thinking of the world (elementary principles) with faith in Christ. According to verses 9 and 10, what makes Christ different from "empty deceit" and "human tradition?"
- 3) Read 2:11-12. Also read Romans 6:4, Galatians 3:27 and 1 Peter 3:18-22. Circumcision was a sign of covenant and marked out God's people as distinct. Baptism is the sign of the new covenant in Christ. According to 2:11-12, what does this sign represent? Why and when should someone receive this sign? Have you received this sign of faith? Based on the additional passages, what sort of things is our baptism supposed to remind us of?
- 4) Read 2:13-15. Christians have a new status before God, they have been made alive and are forgiven the debt of sin. This is clearly God's work alone. If this is God's work, what is our response? What is the difference between God actually giving salvation to you versus making it available to you? How might this distinction help explain Paul's warning in verse 8? How does your baptism reflect this distinction? Is it something you do, or does it represent something given to you?
- 5) Close your group with reading Psalm 3:7-8 and Revelation 7:9-11. How might these verses impact how you walk with Christ this week?