

Sermon Based Discussion Questions

It's Good to be Good

3 John 1:11-15

December 10, 2017

1. The sermon was on being good. Talk about behaviors that are good verses behaviors that are evil. What are some controversial behaviors that some would say are good, while others would say are evil? Where do you fall on some of these “grey areas”? Does good and evil boil down to opinion (or popular opinion, meaning if the majority of society says it is evil than it is evil, or good—then its good)?
2. Read 3 John 1:11. Jeremy taught that, according to this verse, evil and good are observable, and can be imitated. How does the Word of God become the final authority on what is good and what is evil (read 2 Timothy 3:16-17)?
3. The benefit of mimicking the good is we will see God (cf. 3 John 1:11. Read also John 14:21, 23). How is it that you see God? Describe how you see Him as you do good. Anybody not see God?
4. In order to mimic, or imitate the good, you have to know what you are looking for. Demetrius was a man who was good. Read again the testimony about him in 3 John 1:12. Jeremy was saying that Demetrius was a guy that would be compared to an anchor on a huge ship. Have you linked yourself to a godly person, someone who can be an anchor for you? How do we do that without being a drain on them?
5. Unfortunately, over and over again, Christians don't stay in the good. They drift away, they turn their backs on the truth, on the Lord. Have you ever had a person you looked up to who was good but then did bad? How do we handle it when good and godly people let us down (won't everyone except Jesus)?
6. Read 3 John 1:13-15. John wanted to see and talk with Gaius “face to face.” We need face to face time with each other. Who do you know needs to be in a HDG that isn't yet? How can we get them plugged in so that they can have face to face time talking about spiritual things?
 - Rate your friendships that are Christ centered (1 = bad, 10 = great). What does it take to develop Christ-centered friendships?
7. It's good to be good. Are you good? Define and explain your answer.