



REVEALING THE NATURE OF CHRISTIANITY

Upcoming Events

- **Northstar Information Meeting Sunday, June 2 at 6pm.** Northstar is a two year training program at Chico Community Church that focuses on developing you into a leader who takes ownership for your personal growth spiritually, investing in the Kingdom, and viewing yourself as a life long learner.
- **Summer Meet Ups.** Life Groups may be wrapping up soon but the hanging out and being together does not. During the months of June and July we will have several opportunities planned to create opportunities to be together.

Exposure: Relationships In The Church

This last Sunday was week 3 in our series *Exposure: Revealing The Nature Of Christianity*. Gary talked about why having good relationships in the church are so important and how we can achieve those good relationships.

Opening Question/Icebreaker

Before we get into tonight's discussion, let's start off first with talking about what makes a good friend.

Discussion Question #1 What qualities or characteristic make a good friendship?

Tonight's Discussion

Read Philippians 2:3-5 (NLT)

“Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.”

These verses are full of so much relational goodness. Let's look at what we we taught on Sunday.

Two Things To Deal With

1. Deal With Your Selfishness

Read Philippians 2:3a and James 4:1-2

“Don’t be selfish.” Philippians 2:3a

“What causes fights and quarrels? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but you don’t get it.” James 4:1-2 (NIV)

Discussion Question #2 How does selfishness fight against us experiencing authentic relationships?

The Cause of Conflict in this area is our Competing Desires.

Discussion Question #3 What can we do to deal with the selfish ambitions and desires that lie within us?

2. Deal With Your Pride

Read Philippians 2:3b and Proverbs 13:10

“Don’t try to impress others.” Philippians 2:3b

“Pride leads to conflict.” Proverbs 13:10 (NLT)

Discussion Question #4 Why do we feel the need to impress others and how does our pride lead to conflict?

The Cause of Conflict in this area is our Personal Pride. Pride makes us defensive, demanding and unwilling to admit mistakes.

Discussion Question #5 How do we deal our pride?

Three Things To Develop

1. Develop Humility

Read Philippians 2:3c

“Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.”

The Cause of Conflict in the area is Failing To Value Others.

Discussion Question #6 What can we do this week to value others in our life?

2. Develop An Others Focus

Read Philippians 2:4

“Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.”

The Cause of Conflict in this area is Being Insensitive To Others.

Discussion Question #7 What does it look like practically to pay attention to others?

3. Develop A Christ-Like Attitude

Read Philippians 2:5

“You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.”

Three attitudes that Christ had. (Philippians 2:6-8)

1. He didn’t demand His rights
2. He had a serving attitude
3. He was willing to sacrifice for the benefit of others

Discussion Question #8 Which of those attitudes do you want to work on this week? How will it make a difference in the lives of those around you?

Discussion Question #9 What is your overall takeaway from tonight’s discussion?