

Doctrine Matters

Main Scripture: Acts 1:1-2, Acts 2:42-45

Additional Scriptures: 1st Timothy 4:12-13, 16, Matthew 16:11-12, Matthew 28:19-20, Luke 6:46-47, Matthew 23:1-3, James 2:14-19

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- Pastor Mike told the ironic story of the baseball Mom cursing at her kid because he said some bad words to the other team and made the point that we all learn doctrine... we just don't call it doctrine. What are some of the doctrines you have learned that have the most effect on your lifestyle, good or bad?
- **Read Luke 6:46-48.** Pastor Mike exhorted us to not just *know* doctrine, but to *do it* as well!! What are some doctrines, spiritual disciplines, and Kingdom qualities that you would like to see be more a part of your everyday life?
 - What can you do to ensure that you are “opening the can” and putting this doctrine into practice throughout your week?
- **Read Matthew 23:1-3.** Pastor Mike talked about the Hebrew mindset of doctrine, belief, and truth being intrinsically linked to your lifestyle and not just being head knowledge of doctrine. How does viewing doctrine this way change the way you think about doctrine?
 - Does this make you more hesitant to proclaim what you believe or more reserved? Why or why not?
- **Read James 2:14-16.** Think about the Lecrae video that was shown during the sermon and the concept of the “what good is it?” test. Now think about your small group. Does it pass the “what good is it?” test?
 - How are you reaching out and bringing the Kingdom to those around you? Are you satisfied with this? If not, brainstorm about what you could do as a small group to better reach out and bring the Kingdom.
- Pastor Mike talked about how he takes pictures of Scripture and puts it on his phone background. What are some other creative ways to get into God's Word?

Doing: Application

- Challenge each other to start implementing creative ways to get into God's Word. Put into practice some of the ideas that you came up with tonight.
- Commit as a small group to start practicing good doctrine by ensuring that your small group passes the “what good is it?” test in regards to reaching out to others. Set a firm date or start something that will put the wheels in motion!