

Family Group Midweek Lessons

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Beware of Drifting!

This Family Group Bible-Talk is intended to supplement the September 15th sermon at the MSPCOC. Although having attended or listened to that lesson is helpful, it is not required to take part in the following discussion.

Opening Questions:

- In 2002, Richard Van Pham was in a small boat when a storm hit, knocking out his motor, his mast, and his radio. He set out from Long Beach on his 26-foot sailboat for what should have been a 3 hour trip to Catalina Island (yes, "a three-hour tour"). He found himself adrift at sea after the storm and was able to survive for 15 weeks. He was eventually found near Costa Rica, over 4,000 miles away. We can certainly wind up drifting much farther than could ever be imagined.
- *What are some of the ways that we can drift spiritually?*
- *What are some things that can cause us to drift?*

Read: Hebrews 2:1

Group Questions:

- *The problem here is not the lack of knowledge. But what is the problem?*

Read: Matthew 7:24-27

Group Questions:

- *What are ways that we can be foolish like the man in this parable?*

Read: Hebrews 2:2-3

Group Questions:

- *If the Law, given by God's messengers the angels, brought consequence to those who disregarded or disobeyed then what is the point being made here in verse 3?*

Read: John 14:15, 21

Group Questions:

- *Why do you think Jesus made a clear connection between our love for him and our obedience to him?*
- *Why does the truth of that connection tend to be so unpopular in the religious world today?*

Read: Matthew 7:24-27

Group Questions:

- *What is your response to each of the following statements (Read the below statements to the group and allow them to respond and discuss):*
 - *Absorbing and applying what we have already heard is more important than learning something new*
 - *Neglecting God's plan for his people leads to inescapable consequences*

Group Activity (If Time; if not you could assign this as an individual activity at home):

- Split into smaller groups (ideally of 2-3) and ask each group to read Colossians 3:1-17 and then complete the following task:
 - Create a list that details the characteristics from this passage on a mind set on living by the values of earthly things and the present age
 - Create a list that details the characteristics from this passage on a mind set on living by the value of above and the age to come

Final Thought:

- Is there anything from God's word that you know that you need to absorb and apply and haven't done so well at doing that lately? How can you work on that this week?



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