

DISCUSSION GUIDE

May 3rd, 2015 "Called-Out" - Pastor Bryan James



Sermon Synopsis

By nature we are objects of the wrath of God. The purpose of the reading in Isaiah 57 is not to condemn us but to encourage us to repent and awaken up our hearts to come to the forgiving love and eternity that Christ offers.

WELCOME: If you were a Smurf, what would your name be?

WORSHIP: Read Psalm 30 and/or a worship song to prepare your hearts.

WORD:

Read Isaiah 57:1-6

- What hard words from God have you heard that have led to change in your life?
- Consider yourself/ your actions: Are you too comfortable in the world? What does that look like?
- How can we find balance in being a disciple of Christ without coming off like a judgmental Pharisee?
- Why do you think God equates spiritual unfaithfulness with adultery? How have you been unfaithful to God? Have you confessed and received forgiveness for these thoughts, attitudes, or actions?
- What have you offered back to God rather than to the world?

Read Isaiah 57:7-13a

- What are some common misconceptions about being a "Christian" versus a true "Follower of Christ"?
- Assess where you are in your walk with Christ. How do you need to repent, and what would God have you do to walk closer to Him?
- What are some simple items/ideals we follow that are in direct opposition to God?
- Why can't we earn our salvation?

Read Isaiah 57:13b-21

- How has God protected/blessed you once you repented of your will and followed His?
- What part of your heart is, or has been, breaking while hearing God's Word?
- What puts the amazing back in grace for you?

WITNESS: God is ready to use you! The Great Commission should not be treated as a "great omission"; share your faith, your testimony, and your love of God by inviting a non-believer to any church function (i.e., this dGroup, an outreach event, or Sunday Service).