

Christian Life Table Discussions

Living under God as King

Select Leader who will decide when to move from section to section: select the person who had the most brothers and sisters.

Introduce one another and then invite each person to talk about a time when someone who was in authority over you made a decision that made life difficult for you.

Bible Basis. The Rebellion:

Psalm 2:2-3. The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his anointed one [Christ]. "Let us break their chains, they say, "and throw off all their fetters."

Who is it that the rulers don't want to be fettered by? Have you seen these kinds of rebellious attitudes in yourself?

Bible basis. The solution:

Ephesians 2:12, 13, and 19: Remember that at that time [before you believed] you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. Consequently you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household.

By what action are you made a citizen of God's kingdom? Talk about the words "citizen" and "household" in terms of what they suggest about your status and responsibilities in God's kingdom in your daily life.

Bible basis. The application.

Philippians 2:13. For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose.

What are the two things God is doing in you so you live daily as a citizen of His kingdom? Can these two things be resisted?

Application. Based on the verses above, I think God's will for me today is ... (this may be different for each person)

Insight. What is there about me that keeps me from doing this? (This will provide insight into your sin nature, whether it be areas of deliberate disobedience or weakness. Seeing our sin afresh leads to seeing our savior afresh).

Christ. How is Christ the answer to the particular insights surfaced above (these would include forgiveness for what is past, and strengthening your new life for the next time to temptation comes up). Prayer at this point could include repenting of sins, and asking God to bring about change.

Future. Promises to rely on next time the problem arises:

Ephesians 1:17-19. [Paul's prayer for believers]: I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His incomparably great power for us who believe.