



Week 5 Discussion Questions Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Connect to One Another

1. Share a difficult time in your life and how your faith helped you through it.
2. Do you know anyone who is able to “Rejoice in the Lord, always” (Phil.4:4)?

Connect to God

1. **Pastor Schlie quotes Pastor George Everett Ross who identifies two kinds of faith: “One says ‘if’ and the other says, ‘though.’”** Which faith do you most identify with?
2. **Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, “When Christ calls a man, he bids him to come and die.”** Reflect on this quote and its implications for a Christian in America in the 21st century.
 - a. Do our expectations of what it means to be a Christian align with God’s values?
 - b. Do you think God really calls us to die (literally or metaphorically)?
3. **God’s grace is free, but it is not cheap. It was paid for with the blood of Jesus.** How do you remind yourself of “costly grace”?

Apply the Teaching

1. **Bonhoeffer had an opportunity to escape to America when World War II broke out. One month later—after much prayer—he returned to Germany, believing that was what God wanted him to do.** How do you understand God’s Will for your life? Have you ever followed God’s lead even though it wasn’t easy?
2. Have you ever committed a sin to prevent a greater sin? How did you resolve the conflict in your heart?
3. **Pastor Schlie tackles some tough questions of faith in this message.** How do you wrestle with questions like, “Why do good people suffer?,” or “Why does evil often win?”