

Living FROM THE CROSS

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION

BEFORE VIEWING

(Review) What were some key ideas from the last session. Discuss.

1. Can you think of a topic that you have changed your mind about because you think you see it more clearly than you used to? Discuss.
2. How have you arrived at your position on a given topic? Example: Who to vote for? Whether abortion should be legal? etc.)
3. Agree or disagree with this statement. Explain your position. "It is important to know what you believe and why you believe it."

AFTER VIEWING

At the end of each question, develop one main take away from the dialogue so that you end up with a list of tips to help you ensure that you are taking positions that are built on truth.

1. What is God's intended destination for us, where the Spirit is leading us to? What is truth? What is our assumed starting point?
2. Stephen Harbridge points to the influence of an authority figure as being a potentially dangerous way to getting to truth. Discuss this idea.
3. Can you think of a time in history when people followed the majority instead of taking a stand for truth? Do you have an example of when you followed the majority instead of thinking for yourself?
4. Stephen talks about the influence of tradition on our conscience when we violate that tradition. What was he getting at? Discuss any examples you may have. Discuss the dangers and challenges of pursuing this path to arrive at truth.
5. Experience – whether negative or positive – does not determine truth. Agree or disagree. Come up with some examples and discuss the dangers and challenges associated with using experience to decide what is true.

FOLLOW-UP

1. Concluding advice from Stephen was: Know what you believe and why you believe it. Go where the Scriptures lead you. Think of some held positions you'd like to re-examine.
2. Accept this statement, "We are already what we seek to be and where we want to be in God, because of the Cross." This is the truth.