

PURIFY YOURSELF

This is a discussion guide for the Chief Apostle Service, held on November 16th in Fort Lauderdale, FL. If you would like to review the service before your discussion - watch it by scanning the QR code.



BIBLE VERSE

1 John 3:3 - *And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*

QUESTIONS

1. Start your discussion by sharing what point(s) stuck out to you most in the service.
2. The Chief Apostle started the service by stating that every divine service is a profession. What do you profess in a divine service? (*think through the different liturgical elements*)
3. What is the difference between the hope we have in Christ and dreams and wishes?
4. How can we be purified from sin? Walk through the steps of repentance and discuss how they can be purifying.
5. Why is humility such an important aspect of repentance and purification?
6. How would you describe a person who is true and sincere? How do they act and speak?
 - a. Consider the last time you spoke about someone a little differently than you would to their face... Or posted something online that you would never say in person... Or tried to hide what you were looking at on the internet?
 - b. Why is it difficult to be a true and sincere person?
7. How can we purify our love towards God and our neighbor?

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8. Discuss why people often associate money with God's blessing. What did the Chief Apostle say about this? What does God's blessing consist of?
9. What aspect of purification is Peter an example of? What did he have to change to be one with Christ?
10. What is the danger of putting people into groups? What is the importance of considering every individual with love as Jesus does?
11. Discuss these various actions that the Chief Apostle said were a "waste of time":
 - a. *Trying to fix the world or rule it in His name* - why is this impossible, and not what Jesus wants?
 - b. *Debating details or the historical accuracy of stories of the Bible* - what did the Chief Apostle say was the most important thing?
 - c. *Comparing the Church in different areas of the world* - what should we be focusing on?
 - d. *Thinking that the length of our prayers makes them more effective* - God is not dependent on our words. What is important to do alongside our prayers?
12. What is the message that Jesus communicates to us through the sharing of His body and blood?
13. What is one take-away from this service for you?

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