
BAD BOYS OF EASTER

Week 2: God Gives Grace to Be Different



What'cha gonna do when they come for you? They all came, or they all left him. One by one, disciples, religious leaders, and the Roman Governor, were the bad boys who sent Jesus to the cross. Count down the last hours of Jesus' life with these bad boys who deceived, doubted, denied, and ultimately put Jesus to his death.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are your greatest doubts when it comes to Christian faith?
2. **Read Ephesians 4:17-32.**
This past Sunday we studied the doubt of Philip who wondered if Jesus was the Messiah. His statement, "Show us the Father and that will be enough for us," implied that he thought Jesus was less than Messiah and Savior of the World. We all have doubts. It's part of our human condition or old nature. This old nature and the doubts we have also lead us to doubt the life God wants for us.

What, according to Paul, are some of the behaviors that cause us to live a life that is impure?
What is the origin of those thoughts according to 4:17-19?
Do you agree or disagree that what we think/believe dictates how we behave? Discuss as a group.
3. **Re-read Ephesians 4:20-24.** Paul describes some teaching in this passage that changes people. What specifically is that teaching, and what does Paul say about it? How does one put on the new self (v. 24), and know the truth that is in Jesus? How might the means of grace - prayer, Scripture, worship, small group, Sacraments, serving, etc., help us put on and grow into the new self?
4. **Re-read Ephesians 4:25-32.** What types of behavior does Paul call the Ephesians to practice? How might these changes help us keep living into our new self?
5. In what areas can the group help you live into the newness of life that Jesus Christ desires? Pray for one another to be more submitted to Jesus' leadership and Lordship in your lives.

BE THE REVOLUTION

God gives us grace through Jesus Christ - our leader and Lord - and desires us to submit to him.

RENOVATING THE HEART

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ in God forgave you (*Ephesians 4:32*).