
BAD BOYS OF EASTER

Week 3: God Restores Families and Personal Relationships



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. How are you being challenged this Lent to draw more closely to Jesus Christ and leave your old life behind? What fruit are you seeing in your life from this challenge?

2. **Read Ephesians 5:21-6:9.**

Does your Bible have a heading between 5:21 and 5:22? If so, read the heading to the group. Is 5:21 meant to govern the section of Scripture? If so how? If not, why not?

3. This section of Scripture creates issues for some about dominance. The purpose is not about male/female dominance, but mutual submission. Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ is meant to govern the entire section of Scripture. How do you submit to others in your family out of reverence for Christ - what words, actions, acts of service, and the like can you offer as proof?

4. The goal of these relationships and mutual submission is restoration. The first of these relationships is the husband-wife relationship. Read about the relationship between God and people in marital terms in the following Scriptures: Hosea 2:16, Isaiah 54:4-5, Ezekiel 16:7-14.

Re-read Ephesians 5:21 and 5:31-32. Is marriage a form of grace? How are you honoring God with the grace he gave you in your husband or wife? How are husbands and wives to act toward one another? Do you act this way toward your spouse? What is to be the key factor in marriage?

5. Another key relationship is the worker-supervisor relationship. How should grace play a role in this relationship? How might thinking of serving the Lord in our daily jobs change the way we work, manage, and lead others? If you are entrusted to authority over others, how does having this authority knowing that Christ entrusts them to your care change the way you lead?

BE THE REVOLUTION

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

RENOVATING THE HEART

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ (*Ephesians 5:21*).