

December 31, 2016

January 1, 2017

Week #1



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Toxic Vision

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OPENING QUESTIONS

1. What does “toxic” mean to you? Describe an example in our country, culture, or church.
2. Describe something you believed was innocent or good that ended up being harmful? Why?
3. Describe a time someone else influenced you with something that was “toxic”. What was it?

IN THE WORD

1. What questions do you have about Pastor Hutchison’s message? How would you summarize it in 5 words or less?
2. Read [Matthew 6:22-23](#), [1 Corinthians 6:12](#) and [Galatians 5](#) (entire chapter).
3. What important points did Pastor Hutchison make about our eyes based on Jesus’ words from [Matthew 6:22-23](#)? Which point is most relevant and important? Why?
4. Describe the concerns Paul is trying to address in [1 Corinthians 6:12](#). What was going on in the church in Corinth? Restate the basic principle of [1 Corinthians 6:12](#).
5. In [Galatians 5](#), what does Paul teach about freedom in Christ, sin and the flesh, and living life in the Spirit? Which point is most difficult and why?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. What are the “toxins” or poisons in your own life that you try to hide or overlook?
2. Describe an area of life where you desire “freedom” but it causes problems for you or others. What would God desire for you in this situation? What specific steps can you take this next week?
3. When you think of living a Spirit-filled, holy and pure life, what do you think of? What area(s) of growth does Jesus have in mind for you regarding purity and holiness? Be specific.

CONTINUED LEARNING...

1. Draft a letter to close family members or friends for whom you care a great deal. Describe your desires for them to experience Christ’s freedom yet still live lives controlled by the Spirit. What’s your specific advice for them?
2. Who are other men and women from the Bible who struggled in various ways to live for God each day? What can we learn from them?

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