

Session 8: True & False Conversion

Open in Prayer

Opening Activity

Briefly share the results of the previous session's "Out of the Comfort Zone" assignment.

Food for Thought

You've spent several weeks in this course so far. How is your fear factor? Have you had any discouraging thoughts? Any exhilarating moments of sharing your faith over the past few weeks? There is a positive side to the enemy's whisperings: fear can make you pray. Continually sensing "you can't do this..." can actually deepen your trust in God. The negative of fear can then become the positive of prayer. So don't let fear stop you in your tracks. Instead, let it remind you to rely on God's strength, wisdom, and ability. It was fear that drove Jesus to His knees in the Garden of Gethsemane. Let fear bring you to your knees, then deny yourself, and unashamedly pick up the cross and follow Him who gave His life for this lost and dying world.

View the Video True & False Conversion

Discussion

1. Do you know someone who has "backslidden"? If so, why do you think that person fell away?
2. What was the opinion of A. W. Tozer?
3. Had you ever been taught the biblical reality of false conversions? Why do you think most Christians want to avoid the topic of false conversion?
4. What does Mark 4:13 suggest?
5. What parable relates to true and false conversions?
6. Do you think Judas was genuinely saved or a false convert? Why?
7. What is likely the case with a backslider?
8. When will the false convert be exposed?
9. What effect should the fate of hypocrites have on Christians?
10. What would you say to someone you suspect is a false convert?

Out of the Comfort Zone Activity

Determine to share your faith with someone. It can be the friend you called, a coworker, a family member, or a stranger. Again, the key is not to be concerned about yourself but to care about the unsaved person's fate. Even if your greatest fear came upon you and you were beaten up (or just humiliated), Jesus said to rejoice and be exceedingly glad because even the prophets before you were persecuted. Ask God to give you such love for people that you won't think of your own welfare, but only of theirs. Remember your Gethsemane experience, and stop listening to the lies of the devil. Say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Then do what you should. You will be glad you did.

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