

MORNING SMALL GROUPS

“Created Emotions: What Went Wrong?”

April 6, 2024

Message Outline

1. Created Emotions
 - a. God is a person and therefore has emotion
 - b. Created in God’s image, human beings have emotion
 - c. What was the original purpose of human emotion?
 - d. Emotions reveal what we value and believe
 - e. Emotions motivate action

2. What went wrong?
 - a. The fall of humanity into sin
 - b. After the fall, our emotions themselves are neither right nor wrong
 - c. Emotions were radically affected by the fall and can be harmful
 - d. Understanding emotions as a frame for the glory of God

Discussion Questions

1. Introduce yourself – name, what church you attend.
2. What was your initial reaction to hearing about the topic of this conference: “Emotions to the Glory of God?”
3. What stood out to you from the message? Was there anything specific that challenged your thinking?
4. Does it trouble you to think of God having emotions? Does the fact that God is a Person help you understand his emotions?
5. Share an example in your life where emotions (for right or wrong) led you to take some action (good or bad)
6. Do you recall a time in your life when you suppressed an emotional reaction that you should have acted upon or spoken up about?
7. Share an experience where you expressed emotion in a sinful way and the result of it. How could you have done something different in retrospect?
8. How can understanding your emotions as the *frame* in which you display God’s glory help you to better discern sinful emotions and express godly emotions?
9. Lead your group in prayer.

AFTERNOON SMALL GROUPS
“Transformed Emotions: How Can I Change?”

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Message Outline

1. The kind of change that is needed (sanctification)
 - e. NOT to live WITHOUT emotion
 - f. NOT to live FOR emotion
 - g. BUT to be like Christ

2. How God changes you
 - a. Change begins with discerning the beliefs and values reflected by your emotions
 - b. God changes you as you set your sight on Christ
 - c. God changes you as you renew your mind with Scripture
 - d. God changes you as you pray
 - e. God changes you as you act in faith and hope

3. The change God has prepared for you (glorification)

Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you in this message? Why? What did you learn, or how was your thinking challenged?

2. If you live for emotion, you are not truly living according to the standard of God’s word. What are some indications that a person is living for emotion rather than according to the standard of God’s word?

3. What are some sinful emotions you struggle with? What are some godly emotions you need to grow in?

4. What are some beliefs and values reflected by your sinful emotions? What are some beliefs and values that would cultivate godly emotions in your life?

5. When seeking to change in the ways spoken of in this message, why is it so important to set your sight on Christ?

6. What practical instruction in this message do you especially need to apply right away? How can this be done?

7. Why is it important for you as a Christian to be mindful of what God has in store for you in eternity?