



WEEK 3

INTRO

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THE AIM OF OUR CHARGE IS LOVE THAT ISSUES FROM A PURE HEART AND A GOOD CONSCIENCE AND A SINCERE FAITH.

BIG IDEA

GOD HAS DESIGNED EACH PERSON WITH A CONSCIENCE AND HE DELIGHTS IN RENEWING IT DAY-BY-DAY AS WE TRUST HIM WITH OUR LIVES.

REFLECT

- HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR "CONSCIENCE"? IS IT A "LOUD VOICE IN YOUR HEAD"? DOES IT EVER PRICK YOUR EMOTIONS?
- (2) CAN YOU THINK OF A TIME WHEN YOUR CONSCIENCE WAS WARNING YOU THAT SOMETHING WAS WRONG, BUT IT WASN'T CLEAR WHY SOMETHING WAS OFF?
- M IN WHAT WAYS DOES GOD TELL US HE DESIRES OUR CONSCIENCE TO BE RENEWED? WHY DO WE NEED OURS RENEWED?

RESPOND

SITUATION

YOUR GAY COUSIN IS MARRYING HER GIRLFRIEND AND INVITES YOU TO HER WEDDING. YOU HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THE THOUGHT OF GOING. YOUR BROTHER TELLS YOU THAT IT'S NOT REALLY YOUR CONSCIENCE BUT JUST HOMOPHOBIA—YOU SHOULD GET OVER IT AND SHOW IESUS'S LOVE TO YOUR COUSIN BY BEING THERE ON HER BIG DAY.

- A. HOW DO YOU THINK THROUGH ADDRESSING YOUR CONCERNS?
- B. WHO DO YOU HAVE THAT YOU CAN TALK TO THAT YOU CAN BOUNCE YOUR IDEAS OFF OF?
- C. WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD SAY THAT INFLUENCES YOUR DECISIONS?
- D. WHAT WOULD BE THE DECIDING FACTOR(S) IN WHETHER YOU ATTEND OR NOT?
- E HOW WOULD YOU COMMUNICATE THIS TO MAINTAIN "LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR"?





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OUR CONSCIENCE CAN BE DESCRIBED IN MANY WAYS, ONE WAY WE'VE DEFINED IT IS OUR "INTERNAL MORAL COMPASS".

EVERYONE (WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS) HAS THIS COMPASS, BUT NONE OF OURS ARE 100% ACCURATE FROM THE MOMENT WE'RE BORN. WE ALL COME TO JESUS WITH A BROKEN "INTERNAL MORAL COMPASS" THAT NEEDS RECALIBRATING.

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED THE POWER OF GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH HIS WORD AND PEOPLE TO "PRICK" YOUR CONSCIENCE? WHAT WAS THAT LIKE FOR YOU?

DO YOU GENERALLY TRUST YOUR CONSCIENCE OR NOT?

HOW DO YOU DIFFERENTIATE YOUR CONSCIENCE FROM OTHER FEELINGS YOU MAY HAVE?

ARE THERE AREAS IN WHICH YOU KNOW YOUR CONSCIENCE IS WEAK OR OVERLY-SENSITIVE? WHY DO YOU THINK THIS IS SO?

WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS TO "TRAIN YOUR CONSCIENCE"?

ARE YOU "TRAINING YOUR CONSCIENCE"?

HAVE THERE BEEN ANY ETHICAL DILEMMAS YOU'VE FACED IN THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS WHERE YOU FELT YOUR CONSCIENCE WAS CHALLENGED?

HOW CAN THIS GROUP HELP YOU SURRENDER TO GOD'S WAYS VERSUS FOLLOWING YOUR HEART?