

Message: In Defense of the Faith Pt. 1 (2-27-22)

Use the message and the message notes and message help guide your answers and discussion for group.

Helpful Hints:

The primary goal of Small Groups has always been to help Christ Followers grow stronger in their walk by having fellowship with one another. We want each member to hear the word of God, retain it, internalize it, and most importantly apply it. One of the ways we grow as Christ Followers is to make sure we strive each day to align ourselves with the word of God. Here are some tips to help us all make sure we are continuing to strive to align ourselves with the word of God, and His instructions for His followers.

(Exodus 24:7, John 14:23, Deuteronomy 5:33)

- Before you meet watch the message again on our YouTube page (Now Word Covenant Church)
 - It is important to watch it again because there are things you miss the first time that you can get when you watch again.
- Use scripture to back up your answers during discussion. Try not to give your opinion as it pertains to the word of God. If everyone in the group gives a different answer, then it is probably opinion and not Bible.
- Try not to start your answer with "I think...". Instead ask "What does God's word say about this?" Always refer to the word of God, which is the answer to every question.
- If no one knows the answer, it is okay to say, "I don't know". Do some studying before the next meeting and be ready to share your answers.

Pre-Discussion Questions:

- 1. Share your definition of defense?
- 2. Share a time when you had to defend someone or something? Why did you do it, and what was the result?

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What did the Holy Spirit reveal to you in Sunday's message?
- 2. In the message PK talked about the church striving to make people happy instead of Holy. Is the church striving to make people happy and not Holy? Why? What is the difference?
- 3. According to the message, what characteristics separate Christians from the culture? How do we demonstrate this in our daily lives? (John 17:14-16)
- 4. Does God give Christ Followers specific instructions to follow Him, or does He make it optional? Does God give us grey areas in His instructions? (Use scripture to confirm your answer)
- 5. Order is important to God. According to the message, how does God put things in order? Why is this important?
- 6. What does it mean "we are fearfully and wonderfully made"? How can this phrase help Christians defend the faith?
- 7. Has there been a time when you have had to defend the faith? Please share.
- 8. How can Christ Followers grow stronger in their defense of the faith?