

GCC Sermon: Sunday 13th Oct. 9am & 11am
Speaker: Ps Terry Calkin
Title: One world: two realms

Study Notes for Cell Groups

Introduction

It is human nature to ask strangers certain questions in order to put them into some sort of perspective/category. Questions will be different between men and women. Examples: Where do you live? Where did you get that dress?

Question 1. What are typical questions that you ask strangers?

The Bible states that every human has to choose whether to live in the realm of the Kingdom of God, or in the realm of the Satan.

The fundamental question for all humans therefore is this: "Which realm do you live in?"

Question 2. When did you first come to an understanding of these two realms?

Point 1. Choice

Romans chapter 8:1-17 describes these two realms as "the realm of the flesh" and "the realm of the Spirit."

Question 3. Describe these two terms to a new Christian.

Question 4. Identify three characteristics of each of the two realms.

Point 2. Change

John 3:1-15 records a conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish Council in Jerusalem.

Question 5. How did Jesus describe the process for shifting from the realm of the flesh to the realm of the Spirit?

Question 6. Describe your own experience of accepting the need for such a transfer. What happened as a result of the realization of the need for change?

Point 3. Character

We were strongly advised never to confuse personality and character.

Question 7. Describe the basic difference between these two parts of our human nature to a group of new Christians.

Point 4. Christ

We can never make the transition from the realm of the flesh into the realm of the Spirit through our own effort. It can only be accomplished in and through Jesus Christ.

Question 8. Review 2 Cor.3:18.
What can we learn from this important passage?

Question 9. What can we do on a daily basis to keep developing our life in the realm of the Spirit?

Question 10. What is the most important lesson that you have gained from this study?