

2. Kyle talked about how our own sin is one of the greatest threats to our witness to the unbelieving world. Abstaining from sin can be challenging because each of us has a sin nature that encourages those desires. And we have an enemy (the devil) who is called the "tempter" whose ultimate goal is to get us to disobey God (see Genesis 3). In the following verses, what do you see that can help us consistently win this battle?

a. James 4:7-8.

b. 1 Corinthians 10:12-13.

c. 1 John 1:8-2:2.

d. To prevent ourselves from giving in to our sinful desires, we need to set up safeguards and develop strategies. Can you think of any safeguards or strategies you have seen others use at work, at home, or in their personal or social life to help them avoid temptation? If so, explain.

3. Daniel is a great example of someone who lived his life in such a way that people noticed a difference. He was a foreigner in a land where the society, the government and the ruler were completely opposed to God. As you read part of Daniel's story in Daniel 6:1-5, what stands out to you about the way he lived his life in this kind of hostile environment?

a. What would be most challenging to you if you found yourself in a situation similar to Daniel's?

b. Can you think of what it would look like for a person to have influence like Daniel in a workplace, school or home that is closed off to God and his plan?

Personal reflection and application.

1. Have everyone share one thing someone else said that stood out to them from this discussion.

2. Take prayer requests. Try to take no more than 60 seconds per person to share since we will do it all together.

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"A Good Witness in a Gray World"
Pastor Kyle Bonenberger
1st Peter 2:11-17

- » ALWAYS KEEP IN MIND: A Christian's most powerful evangelistic tool is their _____ to their _____.

- » A Christian's overall posture towards authority and government should be one of _____, _____, and _____.

- » Christ freed me to do _____.

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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

What do you think?

From this service, what grabbed your heart, inspired your mind, or lifted up your spirit?

The story of your life.

1. What do you think your friends and family who aren't following Jesus would say about the reputation of the Christians they know? What do you think has most contributed to their thinking?
2. Pastor Kyle talked about the power of a good witness in a gray world; but he also mentioned how no Christian will ever have a perfect witness because we're fallen. Have you ever had someone help you effectively deal with a sin issue in your life? If so, what did they do that was helpful?

Digging deeper.

1. We heard this weekend that we are free to express our opinions when it comes to political matters, but we need to be careful to do so in a way that is respectful and loving. How could the following verses help shape how we communicate with those we disagree with?
 - a. Proverbs 12:17-18.
 - b. Proverbs 15:1.
 - c. Proverbs 15:14.
 - d. Proverbs 17:27.
 - e. Proverbs 18:13.
 - f. In what ways could the instructions in Matthew 5:43-48 help someone develop a better attitude toward those they differ with politically?

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