

V Leaning on the Bookend of the Righteousness of Christ 2/6/12

- I. Review:
- II. Define leaning:
Define dependence:
- III. Three focal points for dependence shifting
 - A. Seeing ourselves as desperately lost sinners
 - a. Eph. 1:18-23 Eph. 2:1-10
 - b. Luke 19:1-10
 - c. Pg 68
 - B. Seeing the Righteousness of Christ as all-sufficient for us daily.
 - a. Phil 2:8
 - b. I Corinth. 15:1-4
 - c. Living the Cross Centered Life pg 14-15
 - d. Gal. 6:14
 - C. Seeing and rejecting our functional saviors
 - a. Any object of dependence we embrace that isn't God.
 - b. Jer. 2:11-13
 - c. Ps. 44:20-21
- IV. Application—break into groups of 2-3 for the following
 - A. How do I depend on the Righteousness of Christ for my daily life?
 - a. Do I have any of the following sins?
 - Pride, selfishness, judgmentalism, lust, anxiety, greed
 - Unthankfulness, unforgiveness, prayerlessness, covetousness
 - Lack of self-control, insistence on having control

- Impatience, irritability, frustration, anger, resentment, jealousy, gossip, discontentment, bitterness, impure thoughts
- Failure to love God with all my heart, soul, mind and strength
- Failure to love your neighbor as yourself
- Disregarding God, failure to trust God

Pg 71 examples of preaching the gospel to myself every day—thanking Christ for dying and paying the penalty for each sin

Use scripture as appropriate

B. Do I have any functional saviors that need to be identified and removed?

Possible broken cisterns? (From page 73)

- I am preoccupied with _____.
- If only _____, then I would be happy.
- I get my sense of significance from _____.
- I would protect and preserve _____ at any cost.
- I fear losing _____.
- The thing that gives me the greatest pleasure is _____.
- When I lose _____ I get angry, resentful, frustrated, anxious, or depressed.
- For me, life depends on _____.
- The thing I value more than anything in the world is _____.
- When I daydream, my mind goes to _____.
- The best thing I can think of is _____.
- The thing that makes me want to get out of bed in the morning is _____.

C. What is the Lord doing in your life to help you develop a passion for the Cross?
To lean on Christ's Righteousness each and every day?

