

SMALL GROUP Q'S

A Christ-Centered Community

August 5, 2018

Matthew 16:13-18

- 1.) Are there things in your life you say are important but struggle to make them an actual priority? What tends to distract you or keep them from being functional priorities?

- 2.) How does Jesus define “Christ-centered” for us in Matthew 16? What does it practically look like to hold unswervingly to the message and practice of the cross?

- 3.) Does “revival” have a positive or negative connotation for you? Could you describe what you long to be a part of in the spiritual renewal of a community – whether you like the term “revival” or not? Do you pray or shape your life toward the end you are longing for?

- 4.) How do you see the commitment to being “Christ-centered” already as a reality at Southwood (read the whole description at Southwood.org/about if helpful)? Where do you think we have some room to grow here as a community?

- 5.) The authority of God’s Word is mocked in an anti-authority culture. The vitality of the church is mocked in an anti-institutional culture. How do we communicate the priority of and need for these in a way that people outside the Church understand their importance?

- 6.) John Piper’s words for a Christ-centered church include “God-exalting, Christ-admiring, Spirit-filled, Bible-enjoying, grace-preaching, convenience-defying, cross-embracing, risk-taking, selfishness-crucifying, gossip-silencing, prayer-saturated, future-thinking, outward-reaching, and beautifully human congregations where the undeserving can thrive.” Which part of this is your favorite, or what else would you say? Pray that God would make Southwood more like that community and bring revival to our community through the Spirit’s work in that way.



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