



LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES

Wednesday 21 May 2014

TITLE: IGNORANCE, FOURTH ENEMY OF FAITH

TEXT: Hosea 4:6

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

INTRODUCTION

Now we return to our study of those forces in life that will oppose and sabotage our faith if we let them—the enemies of faith. Spiritual ignorance is our focus this week. Many believers do not realize the real danger of spiritual ignorance. That should not be your portion!

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & REFLECTION

1. What are the other “enemies of faith” we’ve seen to date?
2. According to our text, which people are destroyed? Is it possible for genuine Christians to suffer the same harm heathens do? Why? Can we be passionately religious, very intelligent, and still perish through ignorance?
3. That word “destroyed” is quite a strong one. Do you think God means it literally or lightly here? Are we sufficiently aware of the tragic consequences of spiritual stupidity?
4. What is the difference between rejecting knowledge and being merely ignorant? How can we avoid the temptation to become apathetic and agnostic? [*Look up these jawbreakers!*]
5. What is God’s attitude to ministers (priests) who reject knowledge? How does this apply to your ministry?
6. What are the generational consequences of neglecting the knowledge (law) of God? Can you think of scenarios where parents’ ignorance affects their offspring? What can you do to ensure that you do not forget God’s word?
7. How does Scripture qualify the kind of “knowledge” we must desire and acquire, according to Colossians 1:9-10? What specific areas should our knowledge cover? How much are you knowledgeable in those areas?
8. What is the difference between natural knowledge and revelatory knowledge? In this age of information overload, how can we ensure that we gain relevant knowledge and avoid spiritual junk food?
9. Will you confess the prayer of Colossians 1:9-10?