

## Small Group Discussion Guide – March 13, 2011

### "Simply Christian"

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### Pendulum Swings:

Pendulum swings, better known as icebreakers or getting started questions, are just a fun way to kickoff your small group time together by going from the not so serious to deeper connecting times.

### As you begin your Small Group this week ... *"Have you ever ..."*

- ✓ "... found more than \$2 change in your couch or in your car?"
  - How much was it, and what did you do with the money you found?
- ✓ "... given money to or bought a meal for a homeless person that you encountered?"
  - What were the circumstances?
  - Would you do it again?
- ✓ "... had a practical joke played on you?"
  - What was it? How did you feel?
  - How did you respond?
- ✓ "... shared your faith with a friend who didn't believe?"
  - How did it go? How did you feel?
  - How did your friend respond? Would you do it again?
  - What would you have done differently?

#### 1. **READ: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17**

Paul was not admitting to teaching wrong doctrine or wrong practice. He is not accusing Cephas (Peter) or Apollos of wrong doctrine or practice.

- So, what is so bad about following a good Christian brother or sister?

#### 2. **READ: Mark 9:38-41** Jesus says not to forbid others from doing good in His name. Yet, both He and New Testament writers constantly warn His followers against those who practice false doctrine. Those whom we are urged to avoid or even correct.

**ADDITIONAL READING:** Matt. 7:15-23; Acts 20:28-31; Col. 2:6-8, 16-23;  
1 Tim. 4:1-7; 2 Tim. 3:1-9; Tit. 1:9; Jude 4-19

- How do we reconcile these two approaches – i.e., not forbidding, but opposing false teaching – in our modern world, which is filled with various churches and various teachings?

#### 3. ***"We are not the only Christians; we just want to be Christians only."***

- What are the "positives" of this statement?
- What "negatives", if any, do you see?

#### 4.\* How can we as individual Christians promote non-denominationalism among all believers?

#### 5.\* How can we as a church promote non-denominationalism among all believers?

#### \* **Use as follow-up for questions #4 & #5:**

- Is there a point of promoting non-denominationalism that goes too far and ends up compromising the truth of Jesus?
- If so, what is it?