

Discussion Questions

“The Secret Ingredient”

1. Read Eph 4:21-32
2. What is the relationship between Eph 4:21-24, Col 3:9-10 and 2 Cor 5:17 (what is the common theme)?
3. Evaluate whether the analogy of “family” is appropriate to describe a Christian’s relationship with a local church.
4. Read Col 3:12-14
 - a. What are we to “put on” in verse 12?
 - b. What are the repeated words in verse 13?
 - c. What is the key idea of verse 13?
 - d. What should we “put on” in verse 14?
5. How have you observed the avoidance or escape of pain express itself in someone’s life?
6. The pastor asserted that the avoidance of suffering was synonymous with sin. Evaluate.
7. What are we to do when we are hurt by someone in the church, according to the message?
8. Why is leaving a church such an appealing option? What might we tell ourselves about the “new” church that enables us to more easily leave? What might we tell ourselves about the “old” church that enables us to more easily leave?
9. Under what circumstances would leaving a church be justified? Can you find scriptural support?
10. Examine Micah 6:8. In what ways does this encapsulate the entire message?
11. What steps can you take to make today’s message change your interaction with people in our church?