

LIFE LINKS

Growing Together



(Remember the point is not to get through all the questions, but to facilitate connection between each other and God's word.)

:Life:

What is the first song you remember loving? Is that currently your favorite genre of music?

:Bible:

Paul is on his way back to Jerusalem, but before he sets sail, he wants to encourage the elders in Ephesus. He gathers them all together in Miletus and he shares with them everything that is on his heart. It is, in essence, a farewell address because he doesn't believe that he will see them again. He gives them a message where you can see the love of Paul for others and his zealousness for God coalesce.

Paul encourages them to be alert. To be alert over the people of God in Christ. They are to be alert against false teaching. He also encourages them to have right conduct toward one another. As leaders, the people should be able to trust in their leaders to instruct them in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Elders are to provide good instruction and care for those in need.

Even though you might not be an elder, the need to be alert is important for all of us. What does it mean to be alert in regards to our own faith?

Paul stresses the importance of right belief and right action.

What is the danger of having right belief without right action?

What is the danger of having right action without right belief?

Read Scripture:

Matthew 23:23

[23] “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. (ESV)

Justice

Mercy

Faithfulness

Does the church champion justice?

Does the church champion mercy?

Does the church remain faithful to God able everything else? Or do we get distracted?

:Application:

How do you attend to matters of justice, mercy and faithfulness?

:Prayer Requests:

