

“The daughters of God”

Joshua 17

1-10-16

1. Why is the image of God such a foundational issue when we think about other people? Try to ground your answer with a passage of scripture. What happens when we *do* see others with the image of God on them?
2. What is it that other races or the opposite gender conveys to you about who God is? Again, try to reference scripture. What do you call the qualities of these people that are not present in you? Do you value you those qualities?
3. Have you in any way been guilty of marginalizing someone, ignoring the marginalized or adding to the cultural problem of not being sympathetic toward the marginalized? Since this problem still exists and the Lord has not yet dealt with the world as a whole in righting all wrongs, Pastor Jim pointed out that “God chooses to meet people (women and others) in the midst of their plight.” How does the approach of, doing for one what you wish you could do for everyone, help you confront the problem that women and other marginalized people face?
4. While we might be able to help and makes things a little better, Pastor Jim noted, ultimately, God will not fail to be sympathetic to you. Calvary Church wants to do a better job at sympathizing with women (and the marginalized), what role do you think God has for you and your group in helping Calvary be God’s hands and feet for this?
5. In what ways have you been marginalized and who has failed you? Has God ever failed you? Pastor Jim said that our inheritance is based on God’s grace not our earthly father’s sin. Can someone testify to how the grace of God is better than an earthly inheritance?
6. How has faith brought you to a place of blessing? How does this place of blessing make you feel about where you were prior to trusting God by faith? How can you use your experience to help others who are currently not where you are in your faith?
7. Women, what can you ask God for, by faith, so that He can demonstrate His sympathy to you? If God answers, and demonstrates Himself, how will that help you help others?