

The Joy of a Clean Conscience – Class #2

Adult Equipping – May 9, 2021

Overview

1. What is the conscience and why is it important?
2. How does the gospel allow me to live with a clean conscience before God?
3. How do I tune or calibrate my conscience?
4. How does Scripture help me to navigate differences of opinion in regard to matters of conscience?

Review: What is the conscience and why is it important?

Reflection from last week / Questions that have surfaced

How does the gospel allow me to live with a clean conscience before God?

1. *Revelation and Rejection (Rom. 1:18-21, 28, 32; 2:12-16; Eph. 4:17-20)*

2. *The Guilt of the Guilty (Rom. 3:9, 19; 4:15; 7:7; Gal. 3:21-22; Jms. 4:17; Mt. 7:15-20)*

3. *God-Given Diagnosis and Discomfort (Ps. 32)*

4. *Two Defining Responses (2 Cor. 7:8-9)*

Questions for Reflection:

1. *How does what we learned today change the way that you view the importance of responding to your conscience? How does it change how you approach those who don't yet follow Jesus?*
2. *How might you distinguish between worldly sorrow and godly sorrow (2 Cor. 7:8-9)?*
3. *How would you describe the sensitivity of your conscience? How quickly and decisively do you respond to its warnings? Can you identify any patterns or excuses that you use to ignore it?*
4. *Prayerfully identify some ways that your conscience has become callous. Thank God for His persistent kindness to reveal this and then repent to God and others (as necessary).*
5. *Read Hebrews 9-10 in preparation for next week's class.*