

One Church.

In Dialogue with the Bride of Christ

Week 4: Philip Yancey speaking on *Why Did Jesus Trust Us?*

INTRODUCTION – The Meeting House Roundtable

Look for “The Meeting House Roundtable” on iTunes.

LOOK TO THE BOOK

1. *Turning Over the Mission*

Acts 1:8-11

2. *God’s Plan All Along*

Romans 8:19

Ephesians 3:10-11

1 Peter 1:11-12

3. *One Body, Many Parts*

1 Corinthians 12:12-20, 27-31

TAKE OUT – I’ll Have That to Go Please

NEXT WEEK...Presbyterian (with David Sherbino)

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

Warming Up...

1. What is it like for you hearing the Bible taught from different voices and different perspectives in this series? What is the value of a series like this?
2. [Have you read any of Philip Yancey books? If so, summarize for others.]

Look to the Book...

3. Read **1 Corinthians 12**. A) What verse or idea stands out to you the most? Why? B) To “say” Jesus is Lord (v. 3) in Paul’s writing is to mean it and be committed to it (e.g., **Romans 10:9-10**). To say “Jesus is Lord” is, among other things, to agree that he is the leader of my life, the one who has the right and who I invite to tell me how to live. Is Jesus your Lord? Why or why not? C) How does v. 11 along with vv. 28-31 take the pressure off of believers who feel responsible to manifest a particular gift? D) According to v. 13, what is the “baptism of the Spirit”? Does this have any bearing on our theology of water baptism? E) Have you ever felt like a foot or an ear in vv. 15-16? Are there times when you have felt like an eye or the head in v. 21 toward other individuals or other churches? What did “repentance” look like for you? F) How does vv. 22-24 represent an upside-down approach to what is valued when compared to our culture? Talk about examples of Christians embracing this in our churches. G) Talk about your experienced of v. 26 in action. How is your Home Church doing at practicing this principle? E) What are the “greater gifts” in v. 31?

The Great Debate...

4. [Divide into two groups to debate the issue: *Stressing “unity” too much creates the danger of a wishy-washy Christianity that is afraid to take a stand on important issues and confront heresy.* Take 5 minutes to prepare, 5 minutes to debate, and then switch positions for another 5 minutes!]

So What?...

5. What role has God called you to play in the body of Christ? What could that look like if used poorly and, by contrast, if committed to “the most excellent way”? Pray that we all follow “the most excellent way” in all that we do.
6. **Summer Splash question** -- In Matthew 6, Jesus identifies our heart (motives, drive, greatest desire) as the source of whatever we treasure. How do we foster a heart that treasures eternal things more than the things of this world? Visit themeetinghouse.ca/splash to learn more.

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