

Small Group/Sermon Notes for Foundational Truths Part 4: Laying On Of Hands

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- Make sure everyone knows each other's names. Have everyone share a little about themselves and how life is going right now.
- **Foundational Truths: Set Up**
- This is a series about maturing in the faith.
- Our text: **Hebrews 5:11-6:3**
 - God expects us to be growing and maturing over time.
 - AND we are to have faith like a little child!
- **This Week: The Laying On Of Hands**
 - Basically, this is impartation. The giving or transferring of something that is from God to someone by means of physical touch.
 - Impartation can be from someone more advance in the faith.
 - Or it can sometimes be seeking God together as peers.
 - Impartation can also happen by speaking words, etc. (Shalom)
 - Fun Old Testament example, the Scapegoat. **Leviticus 16:6-10 and 20-22.**
 - That is kind of a negative example. There can be spiritual bad touch.
 - Be careful not to hang with the wrong crowd! **Matthew 23:15**
 - Have you ever experienced anything like that?
 - Could someone misinterpret this?
 - If you have experience spiritual bad touch, I'm sorry. Be free.
 - Discuss the following good examples from the New Testament:
 - Blessing: **Mark 10:13-16**
 - Basically this is like a baby dedication.
 - Commissioning: **Acts 13:1-3**
 - But be wise with this: **1 Timothy 5:22**
 - Why should we not "be hasty" in giving people positions of authority?
 - The Holy Spirit: **Acts 8:14-19**
 - And Spiritual Gifts too: **2 Timothy 1:6**
 - What do you think the limits are regarding this topic?
 - Healing: **Mark 6:1-6**
 - The power was there, but most did not combine it with faith!
 - Jesus and the leper: **Matthew 8:1-3**
 - The disease did not transfer to Jesus. Jesus' power overcame!
 - Jesus still touches people today.
 - Laying on of hands is why we call people up to pray.
 - Don't get legalistic, but do open yourself up to God.
 - One thing Jesus imparted with words was his peace. **John 14:27**
 - The Lord's Peace is here now too. Let us receive of it.
 - Pray for each other before you finish up!