

Groups Discussion Questions

Sermon Series: 7 Questions That Jesus Asked

Sunday Feb 18, 2024 - Pastor Lauren Janetzke

While speaking to a large crowd of his disciples and people from all over the region who came to hear him speak and to be healed of their diseases, Jesus said “Why do you call me, ‘LORD, LORD,’ and do not do what I say?” (Luke 6:46). To call Jesus, “Lord, Lord” but reject what He says creates a disconnect between heart and speech. Following Jesus, calling him your Lord, requires obedience to his teachings. John 14:23 “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching.”

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) Are you an outdoors person, as Pastor Lauren?
- 2) Has a child ever asked you an interesting or funny question?

SERMON NOTES REVIEW *(This section never changes)*

Looking back at your sermon notes from this weekend’s teaching, was there anything said that caught your attention, challenged you or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Is there a particular command given by Jesus that has been especially difficult for you to put into effect?
2. Pastor Lauren talked about “wise and foolish builders”. How do you interpret this phrase, and how do you see it relate to John 14:15, “If you love me, keep my commands.”
3. Have you ever done something difficult to honor Jesus’ teachings, and in the end believed it was worth it?

TAKING IT HOME

Pastor Lauren talked about training yourself to follow Jesus’ commands. For example: being quick to listen and slow to speak (James 1:19). Is there an area of your life that needs special training? Is there an area of your life where you haven’t been fully faithful to God? Some core teachings include love for others, forgiveness, tithing, humility, and repentance. Our reasons for not being faithful are sometimes justified with excuses or questioning the motives behind the commands. Bring these concerns to the feet of Jesus and ask him to give you the wisdom to know what needs to change in order to bring Him honor and glory. The bible is clear that God honors those who honor Him (1 Samuel 2:30; John 12:26). Let’s make following his commands a priority in our lives.

PRAYER TIME

“Lord, help me to do as you say and follow all your commands, no matter what. If I am lacking in a certain area, give me the wisdom to understand your commands, that I might make a change in my life that pleases you and brings you honor.”

ACTION STEPS

This week, take the time to inspect areas of your life that you can improve in faithfulness to God. Ask yourself what reasons you have for not being fully faithful, and commit yourself to take a leap of faith in following God's commands and trusting that He will provide for you.