



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *How Can I Make the Most of My Life?*

Service Date: February 18, 2024

Text: Luke 9:46-62

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- What's the best excuse you or someone you've known used to get out of doing something?
- For those who have completed the S.H.A.P.E. assessment (tri-village.org/shape), share your results with the group. Did anything surprise you?

Sermon Discussion

- Ephesians 4:22-23 says, "You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds." What is a common attitude individuals have when it comes to taking initiative and serving? Do you find that many are hesitant and/or give excuses easily?
- Within your group, discuss what you believe are "priorities for God's kingdom". How does this differ from priorities we may set in our own lives or the priorities we feel when pressured from society?
- Jesus wants us to serve not only out of our giftedness but to do it with humility. Have you ever served with someone who either A) Didn't have the giftedness to do what was being asked of them? or B) Didn't serve with humility? What ended up happening? What does it look like when someone serves with humility and their giftedness?
- A person's priorities in life are often evident in two areas: their bank account and their calendar. If someone was to look at these two areas in your life, what would they say are the top priorities in life? Who would they say is the focus in your life- you or Him?

- Sometimes following Jesus requires sacrifice. In fact, He says that if we want to follow Him, we must take up our “cross” daily (Luke 9:23). Society today would encourage us to prioritize comfort over Jesus when we should instead be putting Jesus over comfort. What makes the idea of “Jesus over comfort” so difficult?
- The sermon discussed the idea of accepting other believers graciously. If Tri-Village’s mission is to “Connect All People to Jesus”, this means we will be a church filled with all types of people unified by a common mission. Each of Jesus’ disciples was even different from one another. What do you envision a Biblical church to look like? What does this mean in your own life for how you will live, invite, and serve?
- We are to have an attitude like that of Jesus Christ (Philippians 2:5). What obstacles have you had to overcome or are currently facing that prevents this type of attitude development within yourself?
- A question asked in the sermon was- “Is following Christ a *convenience* or a *commitment* to you?” Lately, have you been serving and following Him in such a way that it demonstrates more a convenience (meaning you simply go through the motions) or a commitment (meaning your continually asking God what He desires of your life)? If you’re following out of convenience, what would it take to allow your life to move towards complete commitment?

Resources

S.H.A.P.E. Test: tri-village.org/shape

Book: *S.H.A.P.E.: Finding and Fulfilling Your Unique Purpose for Life*
by Erik Rees

Book: *Now, Discover Your Strengths* by Marcus Buckingham

Book: *When God Whispers Your Name* by Max Lucado

Have you or someone in your group experienced a Story of Life Change?

We’d love to hear about it! In fact, one of Tri-Village’s values is “Stories of Life Change”. Visit tri-village.org/yourstory and share how God worked.