



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *Answering the Critic*

Text: Luke 22:31-34, 54-62

Service Date: February 16, 2025

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 are pet peeves you have regarding individuals who are inconsistent?
- Take a moment to read Luke 22:31-34 & 22:54-62. From either the text or Sunday sermon, what things stuck out to you?

Sermon Discussion

- Paul noted at the beginning of the sermon, “As we go through life there are some people who make life more difficult for us than is often necessary.” When you hear this, what type of individuals come to mind?
- Have you ever been disappointed by someone's inconsistency. What happened, and how did you respond (if at all)?
- “Be honest: inconsistency needs to be addressed.” If Christians are called to hold one another accountable, why do we struggle with approaching the inconsistent people in our lives? Knowing that Jesus never gives up on us when we fall time after time, how does this impact your encouragement of others?
- Two-part question: 1) If you had to approach someone about an inconsistency in their Christian walk, how would you do it? 2) If someone was to approach you about an inconsistency in your life, how would you respond?
- “Within this room are those who are under different kinds of pressure.” We all have a breaking point that, if pushed, cause us to do things that are inconsistent in the way we ideally want to behave or think. We might say something we regret, have a knee-jerk reaction to a situation, or cause irreparable damage to our own life and those around us. From your past, have you been under so much pressure that you found yourself not only

miserable and temperamental but unable to be consistent in the type of life God wanted you to live?

- Consider times in your life when you have received encouragement after a struggle of some kind. What do you recall about the character of the encourager? Were you expecting encouragement at that moment/time?
- Specifically thinking of your faith walk, have you received encouragement in times when you've been tempted to doubt or sin? How did that encouragement to remain in your faith impact you at that time?
- The sermon topic was “Encouraging the Inconsistent”. It can be frustrating trying to encourage someone who is inconsistent, especially when it comes to matters of faith. How do you think Jesus would pray for and interact with individuals who are inconsistent in their spiritual walk? How do you think He would approach them?
- Self-reflection question: It's easy to talk about the inconsistency of others without first examining our own life. If someone was to see you at church on Sunday and then see you in another place (i.e. your job, by yourself, etc.), would they say that you are consistent in all areas?
- Close out your group time reflecting upon Hebrews 10:24-25, “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Is there someone in your life that simply needs encouragement in their spiritual walk?

Book Resources

Shaken: Discovering Your True Identity in the Midst of Life's Storms by Tim Tebow

Windows of the Soul: Hearing God in the Everyday Moments of Your Life by Ken Gire

Art and Fear by David Bayles and Ted Orland

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.