



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *What is Rooted?*

Service Date: January 7, 2024

Text: Psalm 1

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

Being rooted in your faith takes time. There is no easy way around it or quick solutions. In our spiritual walk, it can be easy to look others and think they have their lives together or are more spiritually grounded. But the reality is that we have all messed up and are constantly being refined in our faith. In this new year, do you have any goals you hope to accomplish by the end of the year? (It's ok to share non-spiritual goals with your group!)

Sermon Discussion

- In life, you are either getting ready to go into a storm, in the midst of a storm, or coming out of a storm. If we had were able to anticipate storms in life that were to come over the upcoming year, it'd be easier to prepare- but this is where those who are rooted in their faith can better withstand struggles and trials than those who aren't rooted in Scripture. Was there a time recently (or is there a time currently) when your faith was tested/is being tested?
- When trials do come that test your faith, what does it often reveal about your walk with Christ and being rooted in Scripture and prayer? Is this a good thing or does it demonstrate areas for growth?
- A point made in the sermon was to "continually guard your selection of associates." How do you strike a balance between following Scripture and building relationships/sharing Christ with people who are living a very "worldly" life?
- How are you seeking to build relationships with those who aren't Christ-followers? Are there things you can do to encourage them to find God in midst of a very crazy world?

- Another point in the sermon dealt with spending time in God’s Word, and yet, this is an area in which many struggle for a variety of reasons. Are there ways you’ve found that have worked in staying engaged with Scripture and prayer? Something that was maybe a new thing or method you tried even recently? (Remember- Spiritual disciplines, like exercise, takes consistent practice to develop a daily rhythm that is a natural part of life.)
- In the development of being a Christian, where do you fall along the spectrum? Where would others view you as being along the spectrum?

Complacent → Consumer → Connected → Committed → Compelled

- The sermon discussed eternity. When you think about eternity, is it something you fear or something embrace? How should having an eternal perspective in this life change the way we live, serve, give, etc.?
- As you think about becoming rooted in the next year and allowing your faith to impact others, do you have someone you are praying to “win” to Jesus or help become more rooted in their spiritual walk? (Feel free to pray for these individuals as a group.)

Resources:

Book- *The Lost Art of Discipleship Making* by LeRoy Eims

Book- *My Utmost for His Highest* by Oswald Chambers

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.