



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *Big and Close*

Text: Colossians 1:15-20

Service Date: June 16, 2024

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

- The sermon opened with memorable tv dads. What are some tv dads you remember and why?
- What characteristics do you think make a great dad?

Sermon Discussion

- The sermon noted, “We need to know God in His BIGNESS.” When you think about God and how “big” He is, what comes to mind? Does this change your relationship with Him?
- God can seem both distant (because of our sin) and close all at once. When are times you feel the most distant from Him and when are times you feel the closest?
- Isaiah 6:5 says, “‘Woe to me!’ I cried. ‘I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.’” Isaiah is terrified. We live in a culture today that seems to be the opposite- there is an extreme disrespect of God (if they even acknowledge Him at all). Many believers will even say they follow God but refer to Him as a “buddy”. Why do you think that there is not more reverence for God among individuals who say they follow Him? What could be done to change this?
- God knows us better than we know ourselves. If He knows what we already need before we ask, why do struggle to trust Him?
- The sermon discussed how we can become complacent about sin when we only see the closeness of God. Why should we never become complacent with sin?

- Each of us has a spiritual rhythm each week- it's the way we pray, read Scripture, serve, connect with others, etc. What are some ways you've found especially beneficial in your spiritual walk that help you not just go through the motions?

Resources

Book: *Where is God When We Suffer* by Lynn Gardner

Book: *I Am Weak, I Am Strong* by Jay Hewitt

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.