



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions
Topic: *The Dead Sea- A Promise of Restoration*
Text: Exodus 47:1-12
Service Date: October 13, 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

- One of the pictures from the sermon was Paul Snoddy floating in the Dead Sea. It's not uncommon to have memorable experiences or even a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Have you ever had a once-in-a-lifetime experience? If not, what's a bucket list item you'd like to do?

Sermon Discussion

- Read Ezekiel 47:1-12. After you've read it (as well as heard it in the sermon), what's your thoughts to the passage? If you were Ezekiel, what would have been your response?
- Jim Matthews discussed how there can be trouble in the world. When you think about trouble in the world, what is your greatest concern right now and why?
- When we think about troubles in life, why do they seem to consume us?
- What do you currently find is your greatest "trouble" in life? How do find that your faith is growing/changing/being challenged during the storm?
- Over the past month, numerous individuals have had their lives forever changed because of the hurricanes. They've lost everything. If someone was to ask you why didn't God intervene, how would you respond?
- The sermon noted how there can be grace in the world- all because of Jesus. Yet, we so often find ourselves overwhelmed by the negativity of what society portrays should be the norm- political challenges, environmental despair, potential wars, unknown economic outlook, etc. We forget that God is ever-present and loving. What are ways you've found effective in not becoming overwhelmed by the world but instead finding joy in knowing God's grace is always with you?

- Read John 4:14. What do you think Jesus would say to someone who always chases after things of this world instead of Him? Is there someone in your life who you can be praying for this week regarding their priorities?
- Jim closed the sermon with Revelation 22:1-7a. What hope does it give you knowing that this world isn't our home? How does this affect your priorities in life and how you spend your time, invest your resources, tell others, etc.?

Resources

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

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.