

Purpose: We will glorify God by aligning everything we do with Jesus' call to discipleship.

1. Based on our Purpose Statement, if a friend asked, "Why do you go to church?" how would you answer?
2. How does the parable of the two gates help you understand what it means to be a follower of Jesus?
3. Based on Matthew 16:23-24, would you say it is OK for a Christian to "coast" in their spiritual life? Is it OK (with Jesus) to be a "secret" or "closet Christian"? Why?
4. Consider the illustration of soil types for the lives of people (Mt 13:1-15). What factors contribute to the different types of soil? What kind of soil are you? Has your soil type changed over time?
5. For most of us, some areas of our lives align more closely to Jesus' call than others. Why do you think that exists? What would help you personally to align each area of your life more constantly to Jesus' call to discipleship?
6. What are some ways Refuge Church could better fulfill this Purpose Statement? How do you see yourself involved in that?

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. What new concept did you learn from this week's text?
2. Is there anything in the text that you don't understand?
3. How does this text challenge you to change? Is there anything standing in your way of making that change?