



Sermon Discussion Questions

Sunday, October 9, 2011

Open Doors

Huntersville: Michael Flake

Davidson: Mike Moses

Important Note:

Over the next 3 weeks, there will be 3 different sermons preached at both the Huntersville Campus and the Davidson Campus. One by Mike Moses, another by Michael Flake and the last by Mitch White. Depending on the campus you attend, they will each be preached on a different week. But within the next 3 weeks, all campuses will have heard each sermon.

The following questions are for the sermon on Matthew 19:16-22; From Eagerness to Walking Away by Mike Moses. It was preached at Davidson on September 25 and Huntersville on October 9th.

Matthew 19:16-22; From Eagerness to Walking Away

Introduce it:

Ever had a situation in which something was on you that everyone else saw and noticed but you? Could have been something stuck in your teeth, hanging out of your nose, stain on your shirt or even worse. Share about an embarrassing moment of something like this happening to you.

Revisit it: learn the passage preached on.

Read the passage again as a group: Matthew 19:16-22

How does the man address Jesus and what does it tell you about who he thinks Jesus is?

What is the man most interested in? Is this a bad thing?

Jesus tells the man how to obtain eternal life (one way to obtain eternal life). The man seems to be well on his way to achieving this. What does he trust will give him eternal life?

In what ways do we trust ourselves to gain eternal life? How are you tempted to do this?

What do we know that the man ended up doing and why? What do we not know the man ended up doing?

Relook at it: see other places in the Bible that speak to sermon.

In this passage, Jesus answers the man's question by quoting some of the Ten Commandments.

Read Exodus 20:1-17

Which of the Ten Commandments does Jesus not speak to the man? What are all the ones that he did not speak to the man centered around?

What are all the ones that he spoke to the man centered around?

When you look at these, you see that Jesus doesn't address the man's love of God and honoring God but his love of his neighbor. In Jesus' last statement to the man, how does he address the man's love of God? What does he expose?

What did the man discover about himself? What were the things that Jesus saw in him that he never recognized?

Use it: don't just learn the passage but use it.

Jesus exposed a hard thing in the man's life and the man had to wrestle with it. What are things that Jesus is speaking very clearly to you, hard steps to take in your life, that you are very sad that he has exposed? Why is it so hard for you to take the steps you know he is clearly calling you to take? What do you need to do this week to take those steps?

The man was trying to work his way into eternal life. He didn't realize that he would never make himself perfect. He missed Jesus-standing right in front of him. Take out a sheet of paper and write out your understanding of the good news of Jesus. What is the gospel? Take 2 minutes and write out "what you must do to get eternal life." Read this to the group.

Remember it: memorize a verse that helps you to remember and use it.

This week's memory can be a doozy but well worth the time and energy. Memorize all Ten Commandments. Really take this opportunity to learn all ten and even do it as a group-include your children!

Write it on a note card and put on your bathroom mirror or on the dashboard of your car. If you have children, talk about this passage with them and tell them you need their help to memorize this verse. Ask them to memorize it with you. Let them quiz you during the week.