



Sermon Discussion Questions

May the Word of God SHAPE and MOLD us into the image of Jesus!

CHECK INS: Let's check in quick with each other; how are we doing folks...?!?

9.7.25 - SERMON RECAP:

Grab your Bibles and turn to John 19:38-42. This past Sunday we looked closely into the actions of two disciples of Jesus, who serve the King both sacrificially and with excellence. Their service to Jesus' body is a beautiful example for us as followers of Jesus today, to live and serve Jesus both sacrificially and with excellence. May we come to talk through these questions as a way to further apply this passage into our everyday lives- as Disciples of Jesus! (As a group, let's take turns reading this scripture together; and then ponder/discuss these questions for our lives.)

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Joseph had been a secret disciple out of fear of the Jewish leaders, but here, he boldly requests Jesus' body from Pilate—a very public act of allegiance. Similarly, Nicodemus joins him in this risky moment. Consider what kinds of personal, social, or professional risks you may face by openly following Jesus today. What does it cost you personally to identify with Jesus in your daily life?
2. Read 2 Timothy 1:7 and 1 John 4:18. What fears tend to hold you back—fear of rejection, of failure, of discomfort, of being misunderstood? How do those fears influence the way you live out your life as a follower and disciple of Jesus??
3. Nicodemus's journey in the Gospel of John shows a progression from curiosity (John 3), to cautious defense (John 7), to courageous action (John 19). In recent years, what areas have you seen transformation in your thoughts, habits, or priorities? Where do you still long to grow? How is God shaping your heart in this current season??
4. Read 1 Timothy 6:17–19 and Romans 12:1, then consider how you are using your time, talent and treasure to serve Christ. Are there areas where you sense God inviting you to be more sacrificial or intentional?
5. How does sacrificing our time, talent and treasure require us to take steps toward God?? And how do we resist this act of sacrifice and service??
6. Read Matthew 10:32–39 and Hebrews 13:13–16. Is there anything you're clinging to—status, comfort, approval—that might be holding you back from wholehearted obedience? What would it mean to surrender that for the sake of Jesus and His Kingdom??

LIFE APPLICATION / PRAYER:

What is one application from this passage that you want to live out?

How Does ALL THIS Apply to our Values?



Gospel Transformation

Compassionate Engagement



Authentic Relationship

Kingdom Multiplication

