

Sermon Discussion Questions  
**Reformation — 500 Years (1517-2017)**  
October 29, 2017

1. What did you know about Martin Luther before the message?
2. Here is a quote about history, “History studies not just facts and institutions, it's real subject is the human spirit,” (Fustel de Coulange, 1864). Given what you learned about the Reformation, what was the heart behind it, or what was the human spirit driving it? And, how can that have a positive impact on us today as we learn from history?
3. Read Luke 12:51-53. Do you agree or disagree with this statement, “Everyone who desires to live for what is right in the Lord Jesus’ eyes will go against family members.”
  - Have you had to stand up for what is right and go against family?
  - Read Matthew 10:16-18; Acts 13:50-14:20; 2 Timothy 3:10-12. What do these passages tell us? How are they to be applied to our lives today with the balance of these passages: 2 Timothy 2:24-26; Titus 3:1-2; 1 Peter 3:14-15?
4. Luther’s foundation was the Bible (as was all of the leading people of the Reformation). Jeremy posed a question for us to answer: How can we steer people away from living under lies—or false thinking—and bring them to give themselves to be people of the BOOK—to put their lives under the authority of the Bible?
5. The pivotal moment for Luther was when he realized that righteousness comes through faith (Romans 1:17). Can you explain what that means on two levels:
  - (1) How each of us can be sure we will be in heaven when we die.
  - (2) How the Lord will develop righteousness in our lives now.
6. What stops us (or gets in the way) from being people who are invested in reformation when we know there are things that need to be reformed?
  - When can reformation be wrong?