

Sermon Discussion Questions

Committing

Mark 8:31-38

October 30, 2016

1. Hope you had fun reliving the five decades that Faith Church has been in existence. Which decade was the most fun for you to relive and why?
2. Jeremy mentioned that to commit our minds to what matters to God is a constant battle. Do you agree or disagree with him and why?
 - a. Name five lies people believe these days.
 - b. According to Ephesians 4:17-19 how are people who don't know Jesus walking? Give examples of this. Why would we want them to know Jesus?
3. Read Mark 8:34. Jeremy mentioned that the original listeners of Jesus would not have known He was going to be crucified and shared the cultural context that He was talking about submitting to the One we once rebelled against.
 - a. If you assess all your efforts in your life, what percentage of your energy in your life goes to what matters to Jesus (remember from your outline what He wants)? Are you satisfied with that percentage? Why or why not?
4. Read again Philippians 2:19-22 (especially v.21). Talk about what it means that each of us look out for the interests of Christ Jesus (a hint is found in v.22).
 - a. Explain how a Christian wanting to be a missionary might not be serving the interests of Christ.
 - b. Explain how wanting to be a good spouse might not be serving the interests of Christ.
 - c. What does it take to determine if anything we do serves the interests of Christ verses serving any other interests?
5. Mark 8:38 is a warning from Jesus. How might Mark 10:28-31 be the opposite—an encouragement? Does reading these two passages spur you on in what it means in your life to follow Jesus? Why or why not?
6. Next week is the 50th Anniversary. How can we commit ourselves to building bridges with someone who is not following Jesus in honor of our 50 years of being a church? Do you know who you are going to write on the bridge? Explain why.