

Sermon Discussion Questions

**To Know God**

Luke 1:1-25

November 18, 2018

1. What is right and what is wrong with that bumper sticker “COEXIST”?
2. The first point is about “truth.” This is a hard question but kick it around a bit: “What is truth?” (Pilate asked this same question, John 18:38), and what is absolute truth?
3. Luke 1:2 describes those who had written about Jesus as “eyewitnesses and servants of the word.” That was then, this is now. However, what influences you today to be an eyewitness to the hope that He has put in you (1 Peter 3:15), and what influences you to grow as a servant of His Word? (Or, you can talk about what hinders these things and how to remove them.)
4. Some have written that “Theophilus” was a pseudonym (a fake name) and that Luke was writing to a broader audience. This may or may not be true, but “Theophilus” means “friend of God.” What are some practices or disciplines that you do to invest in your friendship with God?
5. Jeremy said something along these lines, “When God initiates a relationship with us He wants to use us for great things beyond just the regular routines of our Christianity. He wants our lives to be unexplainable apart from Him.” How do you react to this? Is it true? For Zacharias it was being the father of John the Baptist, what might this greatness look like in your life?
6. Remember what Jeremy shared about Bill Hull, the discipleship guru who has written extensively about making disciples? How do you react to the truth that God grows our faith through adversity (James 1:2-4)? If this is true, then why do so many people turn their backs on the Lord when hardships hit (e.g., people say, “If God had this happen in my life then I don’t want anything to do with a God like that.”)?
  - a. In Psalm 51 we see that David was facing a very hard reality: the truth about his adulterous relationship with Bathsheba was revealed. In the midst of the hardship, David had a revelation about knowing God. Read about it in Psalm 51:15-17. What do those verses tell us about what God thinks about religious rituals and what He actually desires of us?
7. How have you experienced the grace of God in your life in tangible ways?