

SERMON DISCUSSION

QUESTIONS

MAY 31, 2020

Big Questions: What Does God Want? Part 1 - David Lane

WARM-UP

1. Pastor Dave is opening a new series today, focusing on The Big Questions...as you look back on your life, what big questions did you have? Did you get an answer? Were the answers what you were expecting? As you consider your life now or even looking to the future, what big questions do you have?

DIGGING DEEPER

2. The first question of this series that Dave wants us to consider is, "What Does God Want?" We're pretty clear on what we want, especially in this time of challenge and change. But the bigger and more important question is, What does God want? And if we can get the answers to this question, doesn't this really have the potential to shape our lives in all respects? Have you ever asked yourself this question?

The Invitation – READ: Isaiah 55:1-7

3. For most of this chapter of the Book of Isaiah, who is speaking? What does this initially tell us about this first Big Question?
4. Verse 1 shows us that God uses our needs to call us to Him, to show us what He wants. What need is God currently using to get your attention and inviting you to come to Him?
5. Verse 2 reveals that God is the one who brings true satisfaction. What are you chasing that isn't delivering? Why?
6. Verse 3 shows us that God is inviting people into a covenant relationship with Him. What is a covenant? In this verse, how is this covenant promise different or unique?
7. In verse 6, He calls us to seek Him. Dave suggests that one way to know what God wants is through prayer to Him that is Worship-based, Scripture fed and Spirit led. What does this mean? Is this an approach to your prayer life that you use today?
8. Read verse 7. What is the promise to us of this call or invitation to repentance?

The Explanation – READ: Isaiah 55:8-11

9. In verses 8 and 9, why does it matter that God's thoughts and ways are not ours?
10. Verse 11 – based on this verse, how do we know what God wants? What does this tell you about your daily activities?
11. Read Romans 12:1-2. How does Paul's urging to the believers in Rome confirm what verse 11 says?

The Realization – READ: Isaiah 55:12-13

12. What do these concluding verses tell us about the outcomes of the promise in verse 11? How do these outcomes further tell us what God wants?

PRAYER

“Dig in and saturate yourselves.” Pastor Dave urges us to seek God’s will for us through His Word and our prayers to Him. Use this time of prayer to ask God what He wants for you, your life, and your ultimate purpose. Be open and listen for His promises and answers to this first Big Question.

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