

January 30 - Week 4 – Questions to Consider

Mark 3, Luke 5 & 6, Matthew 5 & 6

1. In Mark 3:1-6 the religious leaders are looking to accuse Jesus of doing something wrong. When and where have you experienced people hardened against you? Trying to entrap you? What can we learn from Jesus' example?
2. How is our mission similar to the twelve apostles (Mark 3:13-15)? Why is such a humbling task? How can we be encouraged and emboldened in this task?
3. With whom did Jesus encounter opposition in Mark 3:21? Why? How have you experienced, or should expect, similar opposition?
4. How do we know if we are part of God's family? (Mark 3:35) What does it look like to honor God with your lips but not with your life (Matthew 15:7-9)? What does it look like to confess with your mouth and believe in your heart (Romans 10:8-9)?
5. What kind of faith does it take to be made clean by Jesus (Luke 5:12-16)? How are we often tempted to make ourselves clean by our "good works"?
6. Who are the modern day outcasts that we might be tempted to avoid and not witness to? How does the example of Levi's salvation convict and grow you (Luke 5:27-32)? How can we be tempted to be self-righteous like the Pharisees?
7. Skim over "The Beatitudes" of Matthew 5:1-12. How have you experienced God's blessings in these areas? How do you want to grow in experiencing God's blessings in these areas?
8. Skim over the areas Jesus speaks to in His sermon on the mount (Matthew 5-6). Which areas do you need to hear Jesus preach to you about? What section does our community need to hear? What temptations might we face to not preach or speak certain truths?
9. What aspects of prayer do you see in the example Jesus gives us in "The Lord's Prayer" (Matthew 6:5-14)?

General Discussion Questions

- What did you learn about humanity or yourself in the readings this week? About your identity, character or purpose as a Christ-follower?
- Application Questions: How do you need to respond to and apply these truths to your life? (Is there a sin to avoid? A command to obey? An example to follow? A prayer to offer? A truth to remember or memorize? An attitude to change? A teaching to share?)

How to Love Your Enemies in 2022

Luke 6:27-36

Mark 5:43-48 (ESV)

What does love look like?

1 Corinthians 13

How is love best expressed?

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Who curses you? How can you bless them?

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Name: _____ Prayer: _____

How have you been hurt?

How can you better handle the next encounter?

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and from one who takes away your cloak
do not withhold your tunic either.

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Who has stolen from you? How can you let it go?

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How are you treating others? How can you do better?

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Remember God’s K_____: Grace To You

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- Romans 5:10–11 “For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.” (ESV)

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This Next Week’s New Testament Reading Plan:

Week 5: Matthew 7 & 8, Luke 7 & 8, Matthew 11

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