

Home Group Questions

The week of 10/06/2019

John 6:1-14

QUESTIONS BY JESUS! WHERE ARE WE TO BUY BREAD!

GETTING STARTED...

This past Sunday, Pastor Mel continued his series on "Questions by Jesus". The question this week seems to be fairly innocuous but, in reality, it was a question that tested the disciples as to how they would approach the challenge that existed before them...lots of hungry people and essentially no food to give them.

LOOKING IN THE WORD...

1. Read John 6:1-14. Clearly a hungry crowd can easily turn into an unruly crowd. This was a challenge that Jesus and the disciples faced. The sermon this past Sunday shared the following biblical strategy from this passage to face challenges:

1. Challenges come even when you are with Jesus.
John 6:1-7; John 16:32-33
2. Challenges become opportunities to vividly see God at work. John 6:1-7; Psalm 121; Psalm 73
3. Challenges are wisely addressed by inviting Jesus to get involved! John 6:8-9; Matthew 11:28-29
4. Challenges are most effectively met when we surrender our resources to Christ! John 6:10-14; Matthew 6:19-21

As a home group, discuss this passage and how you see the above truths lived out in the text. Now share challenges that you face as a follower of Christ, and how you could change your attitudes and actions to meet those challenges as these "tests" come your way. We seem to understand how Jesus wants to respond but often our flesh wants us to respond differently to challenges we face. How can we intellectually, emotionally, and

spiritually prepare ourselves to be committed to facing challenges the way God wants us to?

- Think about the concept of God "testing" us. What does that say about God's goal for you in your life and the involvement he has in your life. "Sanctification" is a concept that the New Testament conveys to us as process of growth in our lives. How do the "tests" of life that we face give us insight into ourselves as we encounter our strengths and our weaknesses?

2. Each of us has been entrusted with various resources. Below is a chart of the resources you have in your life. Read these verses and discuss the difficulties we may face in surrendering these resources to Jesus. The disciples could have selfishly kept the food of the boy to themselves but they brought their resources to Jesus and He multiplied them beyond their wildest imaginations. How can we discipline ourselves practically to do the same in our lives every day?

Time Ephes. 5:15-16 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, [16] making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.	Talents/Gifts Romans 12:5-6 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. [6] Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them..
Treasure Matthew 6:20-21 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. [21] For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.	

3. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-12. This is an amazing testimony by the Apostle Paul regarding the difficult challenges he was facing and the new perspective that God gave him about these sufferings. Discuss this passage and talk about how the lesson Paul learned can also apply to our lives and the storms that we may experience.

MOVING FORWARD...

Pray to live your life by committing your resources to Jesus!