



Intellectual vs. Personal - Luke 23:1-12

1. Is there any archeological evidence that has bolstered or affirmed your faith?
2. So often, and even in our current climate here in the US, many churches have taken a more political tone and use the pulpit as more of a political campaign speech platform than a sermon about kingdom building. What are the dangers of churches becoming too political? What are the risks of never addressing the culture in which we live?
3. All of the Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes, Elders, Pilate, and Herod all had varying degrees of intellectual understanding of Jesus but no personal knowledge of who He was. Point #1 this past weekend was, "An intellectual understanding of God surrenders part of their life, the personal understanding of God surrenders everything." Do you find it easy or hard to give everything to God? Why or why not? What things are you prone to hold back from Him?
4. Those who understand God intellectually go to church to check a box, while the "personal" know that THEY ARE the church! They are about His mission, gathered to praise God, and be in community with His people. How easy is it for us to slip into a "check box" mentality? Why prevents us from getting there? How do we get out of it if we end up there?
5. The intellectual looks on the outside of himself and says, "I am pretty good." The personal looks on the inside and says, "I am a wretch." If you have time, read Romans 7. What does the struggle between the flesh and the spirit look like in your life? Pray for one another in your struggles.