



Message Discussion Questions

12/18/2022

SERIES: All Is Calm

WEEK: #3

MESSAGE: Calm Creator

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Stephen Masters

CENTRAL TEXT/S: James 1:19

CHECKING IN: How was your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's discussion?

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS: Choose questions that will work best for your group. Feel free to add to or ask a question in a different way than is written.

1. Who is your favorite Christmas movie chaos creator?
2. Read Romans 12:18. Describe the context of this letter from Paul. What would make this verse particularly challenging for the church in Rome?
3. Romans 12:18 Paul makes a strong directive. What are you holding onto today that makes it difficult for you to forgive? How can forgiveness lead towards relational peace?
4. As Jesus followers we are responsible to create calm in every situation. What are some hallmarks for you that calm is being achieved? What are some indicators for you that you are at peace, and calm?
5. In Matthew 5:9 we read that God blesses those who work for peace. Give an example of a person whom calm seems to follow? What is it about them that expresses calm?
6. Read James 1:19. Give some examples of how we can be quick to listen...slow to speak...and slow to get angry. Which one is the easiest for you? Hardest? What will you do to improve on each one?
7. People who don't follow Jesus are going to think and act differently from us. What would you say are some of the differences? How can we bring calm and reveal Jesus to those who think differently?
8. What helps you be a person that invites others to ask anything? How often do you set the tone by asking questions? What are some characteristics of good questions?
9. What does it mean to disagree freely? What helps you not take disagreements personally?
10. How many of you struggle with loving difficult people regardless? Why is loving regardless so important as a Jesus follower?
11. Read Hebrews 12:14. How do you define "work at living a holy life"? What are your thoughts about the last part of the verse? How does living a holy life help us to live a peaceful life?

TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE! What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion? Be specific. Try attaching a name and date to your action step.

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GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
- **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
- **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
- **Pray for the person on your right**, *it can be out loud or in silence*, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

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