



Message Discussion Questions

3/5/2023

SERIES: What is the Church?

WEEK:#1

MESSAGE: Let's Do this!

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Kevin Geer

CENTRAL TEXT/S: Hebrews 10:23-25

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. How do you define the church? Has your definition changed through the years? If so, how?
2. Do you have a life vision statement or favorite saying that you live by? Share it with the group.
3. *Create opportunities for people to experience God in a life changing way.* What does this phrase mean to you? What would you say is the most compelling part of this phrase? Please explain.
4. Read Hebrews 10:23. As followers of Christ, what is the hope we have and are to hold unto tightly? Why can God be trusted to keep his promises? What is one promise of God that you hold unto and why is it important to you?
5. Read Hebrews 10:24-25. Make a list of what this passage is telling us to do? What is the best way to motivate you to love and do good things? How do you like to be encouraged? (Words, deeds, gifts or time) What is your "go to" phrase when encouraging another?
6. Looking at vs. 25 in the above text: Why is it important that we keep gathering together as believers? List 3-5 reasons.
7. Read Matthew 22:35-39. Why do you think this is such a key passage for Jesus? What are some ways we apply these verses in our lives? Why is living out this passage paramount to our relationship with God and for our spiritual growth?
8. In John 10:10 What are some contrasts between what the "thief's" purpose is, and what Jesus' purpose is for this world? Jesus declares he has come so we would have an abundant life. Do you believe this truth for us? If this is true, how would it cause us to live differently?
9. Who is on the top of your prayer list to come to know Jesus this year? As a group, discuss some creative ways to reach more people for Jesus. Which one will you as a group execute to reach these people?
10. We were encouraged to "invest generously" (See 2 Corinthians 9:7-8). In addition to money...we can give our time and talents to both God and others. Which one of these do you give cheerfully? Which one is a real challenge for you to give?
11. **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.**

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email rickz@canvas.church