

Sermon Discussion Questions

The Test – Matt Slocum
3 March 2024
Sermon Text: Luke 16:10-13

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

Why does God test us? Matt explores this thought in his message entitled, The Test. In this message Matt looks at three ways God tests us: The Test of His Presence, The Test of His Word, and the Test of Trust. Let's dive in and unpack this teaching.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Discuss the idea of God testing his people. What is His purpose in testing us?
2. Two biblical tests that were pointed out are the test of God's presence and the test of God's word. Talk in-depth about how you have been challenged in these areas.
3. In Luke 16:12 Jesus says "...if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?" Do you feel you struggle to celebrate the gifting, promotion, or possessions of others? Why is it so important we learn to rejoice with others and celebrate what God is doing for and through them?
4. Are there any situations or circumstances from the last year that you recognize are a test to build your character and grow your trust in God?

APPLICATION

Question: What are we to do with God's presence? Answer: We are supposed to move into it. Where do you find yourself? Move into His presence or standing far off? Ask the Holy Spirit to show you ways to continually move into His presence. Share some of these ideas with your small group.

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. It's almost kite-flying season. When was the last time you flew a kite? Go fly a kite.
2. Who is your favorite author? Why?
3. What is one piece of advice you wish you had been given a lot earlier in your life?

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on at NWC, go to <https://nwckc.com> or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Study materials are also available on the website or Facebook page.

Men's Breakfast, 9 March, 9:00-11:00 am, 7102 N. Prospect Ave, Gladstone, MO

Trivia Night (Youth Fundraiser) - \$10, 22 March, 6:30-8:00 pm, 7102 N. Prospect Ave, Gladstone, MO.
Follow the link to register and purchase tickets: <https://subspla.sh/n59mzdm/>

Called Up Men's Retreat, 18-20 April, Eagle Sky of the Ozarks, 1 Eagle Sky Drive, Piedmont, MO 63957.
Go to the following link to register. <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+bv7brch>

Youth Summer Camp, Grades 6-12, 17-22 June. For more information go to:
<https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+sywckrv>

FINAL THOUGHT

We are tested so we become people who bring heaven to earth.