

Sermon Discussion Questions

Raising Awareness – Matt Slocum

7 May 2023

Sermon Text: Romans 8:1-2, 14-17, 26-30

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

In this week's message, Raising Awareness, Pastor Matt discusses our need to become aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Did you know He is interceding on our behalf and working for our good? We will be examining Romans 8 and the promises within the text for those in Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week we were challenged to come up with one action to love another person. What action did you take?
2. What are some things that stuck with you from Matt's message this week?
3. If we are saved, we have all heard God's voice at least once, because He called us to Him, and we answered the call.

If we are not hearing God's voice, then there are interferences that are in the way from tuning in to His voice.

What are some interferences that may have been or are currently in the way from you hearing Him?
4. Sometimes, the part of our story that we wish God would remove, is the exact thing that God wants to use, it's the vanilla extract. Because all things will work together for good.

Are there aspects of your story that may be the vanilla extract in the recipe of your life?

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. What game show do you think you would be good at?
2. What is your favorite home gadget?
3. If you could be friends with any celebrity, who would it be and why?

5. Romans 8, starts out with no condemnation and ends with the past being dealt with. Our past doesn't belong to us. Instead, the present and future are ours.

What are some areas of your past that you are clinging onto? If you're stuck looking in the past, it's time to look forward and step into what God has for you.

6. There are so many lies that the world tells us, we need to make sure we are only listening to the truth of the word of God.

Do you have anyone in your life that is saturated with the word of God, who would be a trustworthy source of counsel? And how have they spoken into your life or others around you?

APPLICATION

This week, take time to sit and listen for God's voice and how He wants to work in your life. Next week, be ready to share what steps you are taking to listen or maybe even what you have heard this week.

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.

Youth Summer Camp, 19-24 June, Eagle Sky Camp, Piedmont, MO. Cost is \$525. See website for more details and to register.

New Wine Kids Camp at PowerPlay, 12-14 July, 10 am to 2 pm. Ages 4 through 5th grade. Cost is \$75. See website for more details and to register.

FINAL THOUGHT

God calls something good when it fulfills its purpose.