

Living for the One Who Died - Discussion Questions

The sermon asks what would Jesus do if he were living your specific life today -- in what area of your life do you find it most difficult to imagine Jesus acting differently than you currently do, and what does that reveal about your priorities?

Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 that Christ's love compels or controls believers -- when you honestly examine your daily decisions, what force or desire is actually functioning as your controlling motivation, and how does that compare to the love of Christ?

The sermon draws a distinction between asking 'What would Jesus do?' and asking 'What would Jesus do if he were me?' -- how does placing Jesus in your specific context, relationships, and responsibilities change the way you approach discipleship?

The message teaches that when we were baptized we died with Christ and our old identity was buried -- what parts of your old self keep trying to resurrect, and what practical steps can you take to remind yourself that those things have already died?

Desmond Doss chose to serve in war without carrying a weapon, driven by his conviction to live like Jesus even under intense pressure and ridicule -- where in your own life are you being pressured to compromise your convictions, and what would it look like to hold firm as he did?

The sermon describes an elderly man faithfully caring for his wife with dementia, loving her even though she no longer remembers him -- how does this kind of self-giving love challenge or reshape your understanding of what it means to live for someone other than yourself?

Paul states in Galatians 2:20 that Christ now lives in him and that the life he lives he lives by faith in the Son of God -- what is the difference between trying harder to be a good Christian through your own effort and actually allowing Christ to live through you?

The sermon points to Colossians 1:16-17, which describes all things as being created through and for Jesus and held together in him -- how does recognizing that Jesus is woven into the very fabric of creation change the way you view ordinary, everyday moments and interactions?

Jesus teaches in Matthew 25 that serving the least and most vulnerable people is the same as serving him directly -- who are the 'least of these' in your immediate community, and what would it look like for you to love Jesus by loving them this week?

The sermon closes by asking how convinced you truly are of the gospel -- if your level of conviction about Christ's death, burial, and resurrection was measured not by what you say you believe but by how you actually live, what would that evidence suggest about the depth of your faith?