



Week 2- "How We Know?"

In this series, we discover a couple of areas where we can strive to find identity, peace, joy, comfort, and control. In this week's message we continue looking at how money and morality can become a defining factor in our lives and how Christianity offers an invitation to find the joy and security we are looking for in Christ and His Kingdom.

1. What stood out to you from the message?
2. When you pray do you tend to ask God to bless you, your dreams, your life?
3. What are some things that can tend to keep you from seeking what He may want for you instead?

Read Matthew 6:9-10, 6:19-24,33

4. Discuss the idea that we struggle to find joy in his kingdom because we don't want to surrender the things we do and have to Him.
5. Challenging the kingdom we live in seems to be very important to Jesus, why do you think that is?
6. What does it say about God's heart that He challenges the kingdom we are building and invites us to live in His?
7. The more I trust in what I have and what I do, the harder it will be to trust God. Do you agree with this statement, why or why not?

In the message, Justin shared a series of questions we can ask ourselves to help diagnose if we are trusting in our own kingdom, or in His. This is not a rule to live by but a simple tool to help us see where your heart is. Ask yourself:

Do I find myself often envying people who have more?

Am I only happy when I have something, or experience something?

Do I worry about money regularly?

Am I able to be generous with my money?

Does my sin derail me, or do I not care about sin?

Am I unwilling to show our worst to someone, not everyone – by at least someone?

Do I only find peace in my heart when others think well of me?

Do I think I am better than other people?

Do I think I deserve something from God?

Do I think my view is the “right” view?

Do I love, and live in, Grace?

Do I offer grace to others when they make a mistake?

Do I accept grace when I make a mistake?

8. What step can you take this week to help you determine where you are when it comes to God, you , and money?

9. What do you think it practically looks like to surrender these areas to Him and His Kingdom?

