

THE CHURCH



Discussion Questions 10/11/26

The Church Serves Together

Intro: Jesus warns that the church can become so focused on outward religious activity that we miss the things God actually cares about: justice, mercy, and faithfulness. Serving together means humbly joining Jesus in the work of the Kingdom of God. In Jesus' Kingdom the most vulnerable are cared for and the grace of God is visible through His people and their actions.

Story: How has God given you justice, mercy, or faithfulness that you did not deserve?

Read: Luke 11:37-44

1. Why do you think there's such a temptation toward "performative religion"?
2. How can we know the difference between religious busyness and truly serving God in our own lives?
3. When "justice" is mentioned there are often a million political connotations tied to it. Take some time as a group to discuss biblical justice and how we can participate in it.
4. Read Isaiah 1:10-17. What do you think about the tension God places between religious activities versus doing right and seeking justice? What might be the modern message to the church from this passage?
5. God regularly points his justice towards those whom society neglects. Who, in today's society, can you notice and seek justice on their behalf? (This can be a person you know or an entire people group)

Pray:

- For God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.
- For the most vulnerable.
- For purity of heart in your service to God.