

JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke: Christianity: A Religion or a Relationship?

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(Luke 10:25-28)

Introduction

Every Sunday of 2022, our Bible studies focus on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke's Gospel and his Book of Acts. Every Sunday we study and apply God's Word. Today we will start in Luke chapter 23, verses 44-46, and use it to springboard to other verses throughout the Bible to help answer the question: "Is Christianity a religion or a relationship?"

Study God's Word - Luke 10:25-28

1. God wants us to love Him
2. God wants us to pray to Him
3. God wants us to draw near to Him
4. God wants us to know Him

Apply God's Word

1. Learn about Him
2. Spend time with Him
3. Love Him by loving others

Conclusion

Christianity: A Religion or a Relationship? Hopefully this morning the answer is clear. God wants to know you, draw near to you, hear from you, and be loved by you. That sounds a lot like a relationship to me!

Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life

1. Have you ever seen Christianity as a relationship? Why or why not? Explain.
2. What steps have you taken in the past year to know God better?
3. Do you set aside time each day to spend with God, talking and drawing near to Him? If not, what do you need to do to prioritize this time with Him?
4. How do you show God that you love Him? What else could you do?
5. Read the Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster.
6. Why can it be hard to have a relationship with God? What do you plan to do to make it easier?

VERSE OF THE WEEK: Luke 10:27 (NIV84) -

He answered: "‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’"