

Sermon Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

What was most challenging, helpful, or troubling in the sermon?

Digging Deeper:

1. What major objections/obstacles (philosophical, intellectual, emotional, personal experience) against Christianity do you encounter with people in your life? Ex: 'I used to believe in God/go to church, but not anymore because...'
 - a. Which objection/obstacle do you feel most insecure in engaging with?
2. See John 16:33; 1 Pet 4:12-13 and reflect: "We know enough to reject a gospel that proclaims faith begets wealth. We're far more susceptible to a gospel that believes faith begets unruffled contentment. That gospel, the emotional prosperity gospel, flourishes when we believe that deep, pervasive, unending suffering is an imposition into the normal life of relative ease and health" How can present stressful or joyful circumstances make us misinterpret the true message of the resurrection?
3. See Gen 3:15; Deut 18:15; Psa 2:7, 16:8-11, 110:1; and Isa 53:8. What do you think Jesus would have explained about these passages concerning himself?
 - a. See John 5:39-40, 46. "is it wrong to read the Bible and not think about Jesus?" How would you respond?
 - b. See John 5:39-40, 46 and Luke 24:26. "The Bible and Christianity is like all other religions teaching that we should be and do good." How would you respond?

Empowered by the Holy Spirit:

4. Pray:
 - a. Where does doubt live in your heart? What does it say? (think God's goodness, care, historical accuracy, power to make a difference, satisfaction and hope).