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Discussion Questions - Week #7

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the weekend sermon, "The Authority of Jesus," summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Looking at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Do you plan on taking any practical steps this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

▶ As you think of one of your favorite bosses, coaches, or teachers, what was it about them that made it easy to follow their advice or example?

▶ How did following them make you better?

▶ In Mark 1:16-20 we read about Jesus' call of his first disciples, Simon, Andrew, James & John, beside the Sea of Galilee. Talk about the situation or person that led you to follow Jesus.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. This weekend, Pastor Rick shared that the term "kingdom of God/heaven" is used over 100 times in the Gospels. In Matthew 13, Jesus tells several parables to help us understand what the "kingdom of God/heaven" is like. Read Matthew 13:44-46. What do you think it is about God's Kingdom that would compel us to give up everything to attain it?

What are the things in your life that are of competing values to seeking God's Kingdom first?

Why do you think we are, at times, prone to undervalue the Kingdom?

What costs have you experienced in pursuing the Kingdom?

Are there things you might need to eliminate to seek God more earnestly?

2. Throughout the Gospels, when Jesus invited someone to become a disciple, he issued them the command "follow me." Adopting the metaphor of the Vine and the branches in John 15, Jesus commands the disciples to "remain in me." Read John 15:1-8 together. What do you think when you hear "abide" or "remain"?

How are they different or similar to the command to "follow"?

Does it come naturally to you to remain in Jesus, or does it take active effort on your part?

What would it look like for you to remain in Christ in a meaningful and sustainable way?

What indicators in your life show that you are or are not 'remaining' in Christ?

FOR PRACTICE

One of our day's least popular spiritual disciplines is the discipline of submission. Submission means not asserting ourselves so that we can come under the authority, wisdom, and power of Jesus Christ as our Lord, King, and Master. In addition, we actively submit to the authority of scripture by hearing, receiving, and obeying the Word of God. Through the act of submission to the Incarnate and written Word, we surrender our perceived right to hold onto a grudge or bitterness and forgive following His model and command. Richard Foster suggests, "The first words of our day" as we roll out of bed that we pray with Thomas à Kempis, "As thou wilt; what thou wilt; when thou wilt."

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

This past Sunday, November 5, was the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. During your prayer time this week, consider taking time to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters around the globe.