

We See A Church, Week 5

Scripture: Romans 10:9

Also: Ephesians 6:12; 2 Kings 6:17; John 17:20-21; 1 John 4:19

Discussion Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. For review: Our vision is for all people to meet Jesus, know Jesus, and follow Jesus
 - Experiencing God through worship and prayer
 - Striving for healthy community
 - Living beyond ourselves
 - Being deeply rooted in God's Word
3. In the sermon this quote from Ronald Rolheiser was shared:
 - *"Our lives have been consumed with the idea that unless we somehow experience everything, travel everywhere, see everything, and are part of a large number of other people's experience, then our own lives are small and meaningless. We stand before life too greedy, too full of expectations that cannot be realized...When this happens an obsessive restlessness leaves us unable to rest or be satisfied."*
 - How do you think our culture pushes us toward this idea that our lives are small and meaningless?
 - Do you think some of the push comes from within us (not just from external)? Why or why not?
 - How do we challenge that view of our own worth?
 - for instance, what can we build true worth upon? Sports? Money? Fame? Service? Outreach? Church participation? Being liked? Being thought of as good? Etc.
4. What comes to mind when you consider the phrase "Being deeply rooted in God's Word"?
5. How do you view God's Word?
 - Spend some time reading through these Scriptures:
 - Hebrews 4:12
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - Psalm 119:105
 - James 1:22 & Luke 11:28
 - Isaiah 40:8 & Matthew 24:35
 - John 1:1
 - Psalm 119:14
 - Are there others you can think of?
 - Is it helpful to think through how much input you take from God's Word vs. how much input you take in from other sources (entertainment, social media, etc)? Why or why not?
6. Read Ephesians 6:10-20.
 - How have you seen God's Word be effective in your life in the past?
 - What battles are you in now, and how could God's Word be the sword in it?
7. It's been said that your Bible is essentially a love story. God loves His world, and that includes you!

A great prayer to include in your time is simply, "Lord, would you increase my appetite for your Word?"