

Discussion Questions Jesus' Cares: Week Ten

- 1. Think back through this series about where you were when we first started. Has there been any topic that you feel the Lord used to challenge you? Share with your group what it was that challenged you and why? Have you implemented any changes in life due to that challenge?
- 2. In week 2, Pastor Dave talked about peace. Has there been a time this week when your peace has been rattled? When that happened, what did you do to reclaim Godly peace?

3. Read Philippians 4:4-9

Given the chaos of our world, what practices can you adopt that will help you be a calm, peaceful presence in an increasingly anxious and chaotic world?

Read Mark 10: 17-31

Here Jesus is asked by a rich man "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus replies: "Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." We know that the rich man couldn't do what Jesus asked. The sacrifice was just too great.

During week 3, Pastor Nick talked about radical sacrifice in a time of selfishness.

- 4. Looking back on the passage, what do you think the rich man felt after hearing Jesus's response to his question?
- 5. Is there something God is asking you to sacrifice to deepen your relationship with him and be of greater service to others?

In week 5, we talked about discernment. Pastor Dave mentioned that The Greek New Testament word for discernment is dokimazō - (dock-im-ad'-zo). It means to test something to reveal its genuineness to have understanding when comprehension is obscure. Discernment is the ability to determine what is right & good & just & true when things are unclear. Dokimazō is rooted in the Biblical concept of wisdom.

We are constantly bombarded by messages trying to pass themselves off as truth. The enemy of our soul uses these messages to cause confusion, chaos, and doubt.

Read 1 John 4:1-6

6. How do you tell the spirit of truth from the spirit of error?

Last Week Pastor Jeremiah reminded us that Jesus Cares about people. At the end of his message, he challenged us to think about our "have to" as he shared about Jesus having to go through Samaria. We know that Jesus, motivated by the Father's will and his care and concern for people, often went to places others wouldn't and talked to people that religious leaders shunned.

7. Motivated by the care and love of Jesus that you've experienced, what is your "have to?"

Catalyzed by the two greatest Commandments to love God and our neighbor as ourselves. Our Mission as Jesus' followers is ultimately to go in love, *"making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* Matthew 28:19-20

- 8. What does it mean to make a disciple of Jesus?
- 9. Is there a difference between evangelism and disciple-making? If so, what is it?
- 10. What hinders you from living out the great commission in the context God has placed you in?
- 11. Share an area where you need boldness, courage, and clarity of vision to live out the Great Commission where God has placed you.