

Growth Group Questions

14th Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 25, 2024

Introduction

American Christianity has been described as “a mile wide and an inch deep.” Discuss what you think that means and how it connects with Jesus’ command to consume him as the “Bread of Life.”

Into the Word – Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18

1. We’ve been studying Abraham Sunday mornings. What does verse 2 here tell us about one reason God called Abraham away from his homeland?
2. Americans love to think we are free, but the reality is we all serve someone. When we think about who we will dedicate our lives to serving, what are the only two real options according to v. 15?
3. If you read verses 3-13 (cut out of this reading) you’ll find that Joshua reviewed the history of God’s grace to his people. What’s the connection between remembering what God has done for us and our answer to Joshua’s challenge in verse 15?

Into the Word – Hebrews 11:24-28

4. Another reading from the chapter we call the “heroes of faith” chapter. Who is your favorite person in Scripture to imitate and why?
5. How did Moses show his desire to be counted as a Hebrew rather than an Egyptian? (Exodus 1:11-13) Why do you think he felt that way? (Exodus 1:7-9)

6. Explain the connection between our service theme and verses 25-26 here.

Into the Word – John 6:51-69

7. Explain the two reasons mentioned in the sermon that we know John 6 isn’t a direct reference to the Lord’s Supper
 - Timing –
 - Need –
8. What is the significance of Jesus saying “Whoever eats and drinks...**HAS** eternal life”?
9. Note that the crowd was already grumbling in verse 60. Yet Jesus prods them further by explaining more and even telling them that some did not believe. What instruction does this give to us as we teach “harder” truths of Scripture?
10. Peter says Jesus alone has the words of eternal life. What are some other sources that claim to have words of life but come up short?

Closing Prayer

Savior Jesus, thank you for filling me with both earthly blessings that fade and spiritual blessings that endure. Draw me to you every day and lead me to serve you in every way I can. Amen.