

Life Changing Community Group Discussion Questions

week of 10/19/25

Sermon Summary

Pastor Mark Quanstrom delivered a sermon centered on Jesus' question from Luke 18:8: 'When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?' The message explored how Jesus asked 307 questions throughout the Gospels, categorizing them as rhetorical, information-seeking, leading, and existential questions. Pastor Mark emphasized that this particular question was existential - Jesus genuinely wondered about finding faith upon his return. The sermon connected this question to the parable of the persistent widow and unjust judge, arguing that according to Jesus, the primary sign of faith is persistent prayer. The pastor challenged the congregation that while many activities might seem like signs of faith (church attendance, Bible reading, moral behavior), prayer is the truest indicator because it requires genuine belief and trust in God. Christianity, he argued, is fundamentally about a relationship with Jesus Christ, and people in relationships communicate through prayer.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we gather together to seek to hear from You through Your Word. Open our hearts and minds to receive what You want to teach us today. Help us to be honest about our faith and our prayer lives. Give us the courage to examine ourselves and grow closer to You. May Your Holy Spirit guide our discussion and help us encourage one another in our walk with You. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

What's one question you remember asking as a child that drove your parents crazy because you asked it so often?

Key Verses

Luke 18:1-8

2 Timothy 3:10-4:5

Matthew 16:15-16

James 2:19

Psalm 121

Questions

- Pastor Mark mentioned that Jesus asked 307 questions in the Gospels. Why do you think Jesus used questions so frequently in his teaching?
- Jesus asked, 'When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?' How would you personally answer this question about your own faith?
- According to the sermon, prayer is the primary sign of faith because 'no one prays who doesn't believe even just a little bit.' Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
- The parable contrasts an unjust judge with our loving Father. How does understanding God's character change the way we approach prayer?
- Pastor Mark said Christianity is 'first of all about a relationship of trust between us and Jesus Christ.' How does this definition challenge or affirm your understanding of faith?
- What are some barriers that prevent people from praying consistently, and how can we overcome them?
- The widow in the parable was persistent and wouldn't give up. Share about a time when you had to be persistent in prayer. What was the outcome?
- If someone examined your prayer life, what would they conclude about your faith? What changes might you need to make?

Life Application

This week, commit to praying daily for at least 10 minutes. Choose a specific time each day and a specific place where you can consistently meet with God. Keep a simple prayer journal noting what you pray for and how God responds. At the end of the week, reflect on how this consistent prayer time affected your relationship with God and your faith.

Key Takeaways

- Prayer is the primary indicator of genuine faith because it requires trust in God
- Jesus genuinely wondered if He would find faith on earth when He returns, making this an urgent question for believers
- Christianity is fundamentally about a relationship with Jesus Christ, not just moral behavior or religious activities
- Like the persistent widow, believers should never give up in prayer because God is eager to hear and respond
- The sign of faith when Jesus returns will be whether His people are 'always praying and never giving up'

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for the reminder that You are looking for faith when You return, and that faith is demonstrated through persistent prayer. Help us to be people who never give up in prayer, knowing that You are not like the unjust judge but are a loving Father who delights to hear from us. Strengthen our faith and our prayer lives this week. When You come again, may You find faith in each of us - faith that is evidenced by our constant communication with You. Guide us as we leave this place to live out what we've discussed today. In Your precious name we pray, Amen.