



House Church Study Questions Based on the SAC Sermon on April 3, 2022

Text: Various

Take some time to worship

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Txg5nOIZYO8&list=PLGO99or-e9WMSWwyLIL4mL_KyTnBF3j1f It Is Well

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker Question: You have been working outside all day in the scorching heat. What ice-cold drink will you have at the end of that day?

Question #1: Every life is a journey that takes time. Hard lessons are sometimes the very things that we *have* to have time to get figured out. Can you think of something that you have learned through a long process in your life journey?

In Daniel Chapter 2 we read about the dream that King Nebuchadnezzar had and Daniel's interpretation of the dream. Read Daniel 2:46 and talk about what you think King Nebuchadnezzar thinks about God?

Question #2: Now read Daniel 3:1-6. How does this line up with what you read him doing in chapter 2:46? What do you think is going on here?

Additional Question: Sometimes it takes time for new things to really settle into our minds. King Nebuchadnezzar was waffling between worshipping God and selfish pride. (Read Daniel 3:28-30 and then read Daniel 4:29-30 to get more of a picture of this. . .) Overcoming pride to live in humility is hard and sometimes it takes time. What do you think God's attitude is toward people when they do this?

Question #3: Hard lessons are hard won. One area that we wrestle with serving God in is with our money. Without saying whether you regularly tithe or not, what are your thoughts about tithing?

Additional Question: Read Malachi 3:6-12. If God's children will be obedient to Him He will bring blessing. Talk a bit about how you think this applies to your life with God? Is what God says true? Can you depend on Him?

Question #4: What challenges do you need to overcome in order to trust God with a regular tithe toward Him? Do you have the same struggles as Nebuchadnezzar where sometimes he honored God and then would go back to his old ways?

Additional Question: This is a tough one. . .do you think that if you trusted God with your money by regularly tithing that you would not be able to enjoy life as you know it now? Talk about this as honestly as you can.

Question #5: Tithing is about trust and love not money. But it's a very powerful form of trust and love because it affects a lot of daily life. Read Philippians 4:10-19. Now read verse 17 again. . .what do you think this means? And how does this passage about sharing resources end. . .what does verse 19 say?

Additional Question: Read James 2:18. In light of the context of tithing, how do you think God would want you to express your faith toward Him? And what do you think His response might be?

Invitation and Mission for this week

Consider giving a regular and consistent tithe every month. Ask yourself if you can trust God in this. If you hear His voice and you are moved to action, then begin to put a plan in place to begin to express your faith, trust and love to God by trusting Him with this tithe.

Pray for each other