

QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED

Discussion Questions **LEADER GUIDE**

Week of 2/25/24

Text: Luke 6:46-49

Icebreaker: Who are the authority figures in your life?

1. Read Luke 6:46-49. What stands out to you from these verses or from the sermon you heard this week? Why?

2. Jesus's question in verse 46 is as pointed as a question can be! What impact do you think this question would have had on his audience? Why?

The text doesn't tell us exactly how people felt but it can help us to imagine how it would have hit them so we can attempt to understand the "emotion" of the passage. It's possible that Jesus offended some. His words may have made people angry or dismissive. His words may have discouraged some from becoming disciples. Luke tells us in verses 17-20 that there is a great crowd assembled from all over Israel and that among them were some who were disciples. The selection of the 12 happened just before this passage as well. Jesus's words, then, are directly stated to his closest followers but are also within earshot of the broader audience of people who were likely interested in becoming disciples since he had just performed so many miraculous signs.

Application: Let's try to answer the question. What are some potential reasons why people would call Jesus, "Lord, Lord," but not do what he says?

3. Jesus lists three steps in verse 47 that a person takes as a disciple. From the rest of the passage, what step is missing for someone who stops short of being a disciple?

This is a very simple question but hopefully it can help us think more clearly about the difference between a disciple and someone who is not. Jesus includes coming to him, hearing him, and then doing what he says. The last step is the difference maker!

Application: Everyone at Calvary is somewhere along the way in this progression. How can we help each other move from being people who know about Jesus's teaching to people who obey Jesus's teaching?

4. Jesus's instruction in these verses comes at the end of a famous sermon spanning verses 20-45. From those verses (you might want to take a few minutes to read them as a group), what kind of things does Jesus have in mind for his disciples to do?

Certainly Jesus is emphasizing the importance of loving our enemies and the "golden rule" of verse 31.

Application: Think of one relationship in your life that has been difficult. Is there an action or fresh perspective from Jesus's teaching that you could apply to the relationship?

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5. Verses 47-49 are an analogy between those who do and do not do what Jesus says, and two different builders. What message is Jesus sending by concluding this way?

It's a dramatic and cataclysmic ending! Most modern-day sermons are structured to end on a positive note, but Jesus does just the opposite by ending with the great ruin of the builder who skipped over the trouble of digging for a foundation. It's clear that Jesus wants to warn his listeners through this vivid imagery. A life of just coming to him and knowing his teaching will end in destruction if it does not also include doing what he teaches.

Application: Take time to pray for each other, (1) that we would welcome the full authority of Jesus in every area of our lives and (2) that we would be aware of and surrender to him any areas where we have stopped short of obeying what he commands.