

Sermon Questions

Use these to stir discussion in your Life Group, Watch Party, or even your family. Don't feel like you have to answer every one of them (we see you, Type-A people!). Choose questions that you think make sense and are helpful. If your group uses up all your time on just a few questions, thank God!

Right from the sermon

1. Which Bible verse from the Sermon impacted you the most and why?
2. Was there a big point that spoke directly to your life?

Apply it

1. During this COVID-19 season, what is your favorite comfort that you can't go without?
...How would you feel if you didn't have that comfort anymore?
...How would you know if your favorite thing became "ultimate" (or an idol)?
2. What are you thankful for in your life right now?
3. Describe a time when you knew God was calling you to something uncomfortable.
...How did that season play out? What did that do to your character?
4. Right now, in this season, what can you do to put others comfort above our own?

More Bible Study (*only use as you have time, or encourage your people to take this part home)

1. Read 2 Corinthians 4:8-12 (NLT). As you read, note how Paul takes an "inventory" of his ministry. Note how *each is a pair*, an item of suffering, but also an item to be grateful for.
Apply it: Take an inventory of your own life, just from the past week, and describe it in pairs.

Continue reading verses 13-18. How does gratitude/thanksgiving bring glory to God (vs. 15)? And how does it keep us from losing heart (vs. 16)?

2. Read 1 Samuel 17:20-24, 32-37. It would have been easy for anyone to run from the Giant in fear. Choosing to confront him was a path *away* from comfort and *toward* suffering.

In your opinion, what made David face the suffering of the lion and the bear (vs. 35)? What did that trial do to David's character? How did the David's earlier suffering prepare him for his future suffering?

3. What other characters in the Bible were asked by God to run headlong into discomfort for His purposes? How was that character stronger in the end?