

Community Group Homework Questions

1. In your experience, what areas of the faith are most often subject to serious doubts (either in yourself or that you've observed in others)? How do we need to be equipped to help those struggling with common pitfalls?
2. What is the difference between struggling with doubts and confusion versus being a skeptic? Why would that distinction be important?
3. Pastor Bryan pointed out that when we are confused about what the Lord is doing in our lives, our tendency is to get offended. What is the heart attitude behind that response? What are we believing when our reaction to hard providence is to take offense?
4. What can we learn and apply from the way that Jesus addressed the doubts and confusion of John?
5. Can you think of a difficult time in your life when you were confused and offended by your circumstances, but can see now what the Lord was doing in that season? Record it below and plan to share it with others in your group.

Confusion and Doubt

Luke 7:17-23

Series #41

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"Confusion and Doubt."** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Have you ever had times of doubt in your Christian life?
2. What great man in Scripture went through a time of doubt and confusion?
3. The text we look at today shows us that what can be a part of the Christian life?
4. What two miracles did Jesus do in verses 1-16 of this chapter?
5. Matthew tells us that the events of verses 1-16 happened while John the Baptizer was where?
6. John had assumed what about the kingdom?
7. John ended up in prison because he spoke out openly against what?
8. John was in prison for calling a leader of Israel to what?
9. Where do we see that John said the Messiah would "burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire"?

10. One thing confusing to John was that Jesus wasn't doing what?
11. It was confusing to John that Jesus wasn't spending much time where?
12. Jesus set the stage to answer John's questions by doing what?
13. Jesus told the two disciples to go and tell John what?
14. Why did Jesus give the answer that He gave in verse 22?
15. What chapters in Luke record the events that Hebrew Scripture predicted that the Messiah would do?
16. John was confused because he had no idea that the Messiah would do what?
17. Verse 23 is a gentle rebuke or, at least, a caution from Jesus regarding what?
18. When you/we are confused in life about what the Lord is doing or why He is doing what He is doing, what is your/our tendency?
19. What is a good paraphrase of verse 23?
20. Do you truly trust that the Lord knows what He is doing?
21. There is no way to search out the depths of what?
22. What is the proper response to the reality that God's ways are infinitely beyond us?
23. Romans 11:34 shows that God is the sole what?
24. From Job 41:11, we know that God is NOT what?
25. What is infinitely beyond us?
26. Life is confusing and God's ways don't always make sense, so we do what?
27. In Acts 12, who was killed by Herod and who was delivered?
28. What chapter is the great faith chapter of Scripture?
29. When we think of living by faith, we usually think of trusting God to do what?
30. What part of Hebrews 11 do we not like?
31. What prophet was stoned to death? What prophet was sawn in two?
32. Hebrews 11 teaches that those who experienced miraculous deliverance and those who did not are all what?
33. Faith isn't receiving from God the things we want; it is accepting what?
34. Are you the kind of person who is willing to give himself/herself to God without reservation?