

Community Group Homework Questions

1. Ephesians 2:11–18 states that the Gentiles initially had no claim to the Messiah that the people of Israel did, they did not receive the truth that God had revealed to Israel, they did not receive the covenants of promise that God gave to Israel, and because of that the Gentiles had no hope and were without God in the world. However, the kingdom of God that was initially promised to the Jewish people has been expanded to include the Gentiles. By the death of Christ, both Jews and Gentiles have been reconciled to God and together they form the body of Christ. Because most of us, if not all of us, are Gentiles, how should this reality increase our thankfulness to God for including us in His plan of salvation?
2. Jesus illustrates the growth and expansion of the kingdom of God from its small beginnings by saying the kingdom of God “is like a mustard seed, which a man took and put in his garden; and it grew and became a large tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches.” However, Pastor Bryan states in his sermon, “though the kingdom has expanded way beyond its tiny beginnings in the land of Israel, that certainly doesn’t mean that all those who attach themselves to the kingdom in some way are truly members of it.” How can we be sure that we are true members of the kingdom of God? What are the marks of a true member of God’s kingdom?
3. Extra Question: How do you plan to spend personal time in God’s word in 2023?

From Tiny Beginnings to Worldwide

Luke 13:18-19

Series #82

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

1. What would be a gross understatement to say that Jesus was a what?
2. What is an example of how Jesus was a masterful teacher?
3. Jesus began His ministry by calling for people to do what?
4. The vast majority of the Jewish population didn’t believe they needed to do what?
5. The religious leaders responded to Jesus’s message with what?
6. The first reason why Jesus changed the way He taught was what?
7. What is it called when Jesus taught something not revealed to Old Testament saints, but is revealed to New Testament saints?
8. Jesus spoke in parables to do what, in relation to unbelievers?
9. Why was it an act of judgment for Jesus to teach in parables?
10. What phrase does Jesus use repeatedly in Matthew 13?
11. The mystery Jesus is referring to is the form the kingdom has now taken with the King absent from the earth during what?
12. Jesus, the King, is not bodily present, reigning on the earth, but He is still what?

13. What parable emphasizes the fact that there are going to be a variety of responses to the preaching of the kingdom?
14. Some will do what with the message of the kingdom?
15. Some will respond initially with a positive response but it's only what?
16. Are you like one who has an interest in the kingdom and in the truth but you've allowed the cares of this world to choke out that interest?
17. There are those who truly receive the word and they are given what?
18. What was a common seed during the time of Jesus?
19. How is a mustard seed like the kingdom?
20. Was the kingdom promised to us/prophesied to us Gentiles?
21. In Ephesians 2:11, Paul describes the what of us Gentiles?
22. What title did the Jews have for all Gentiles?
23. The Jews failed to understand that God was concerned about what?
24. God intended for the physical circumcision to be a picture of what?
25. The Jews had a great advantage over the Gentiles because of what?
26. What is the first benefit from which Gentiles were alienated?
27. A second benefit from which Gentiles were alienated was what?
28. Thirdly, the Gentiles were without the covenants of what?
29. What covenant is the overriding promise in all of God's covenants?
30. Besides being without Christ, citizenship, and covenants, Gentiles were without what?
31. Lastly, verse 12 says that Gentiles were what?
32. Though Gentiles were once without Christ, they are now what?
33. Christ, Himself is our what?
34. The greatest barrier between Jew and Gentile was caused by what?
35. When did God silence all ceremonies and rituals of the Mosaic Law?
36. What's the point of the word "new" meaning, "new in essence" or "new in quality"?
37. The church didn't start until what day?
38. Both Jew and Gentile need to be what before they can be reconciled to each other?
39. Christ's blood, flesh, and cross all refer to what?
40. Through Him and Him alone, we both have what?
41. What's the message of Ephesians 2:11-18?
42. Is it possible to attach oneself to the kingdom in some way but not truly be a part of it?
43. The message of God's cherished Son has now done what?