

Questions

Life: A Hero's Story

Part 2: The Rescued Life/Sermon 3: Engaging God

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Key Text: Matt. 6:6; Luke 3:21; 4:42; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18; 11:1

1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “We are not human beings having a spiritual experience, we are spiritual beings have a human experience.” Explain your answer.
2. Describe the difference in “believing” in Jesus and having a “relationship” with Jesus.
3. Why did Jesus spend time alone with God?
 - a. Is it necessary for us to spend time alone with God?
4. If tomorrow you had an important meeting with your boss wouldn't you make every effort to show-up?
 - a. Explain why we regularly ignore or postpone our appointments with God?
5. Most of us hit the ground running each morning and go to bed exhausted later that night. We spend our days accomplishing tasks, big and small, that keep our families and lives in order. With busy schedules and instant access to the noise of social media, it's pretty hard to find any type of quiet in our lives. Spending time with God looks different for every person. Discuss the things that keep you from spending time with God.
 - a. For example - TV to watch – phone calls to make – family needs to tend to
6. For the next two minutes, sit quietly, no one talking, silence your cell phones lay them aside and concentrate on God and what He has done. (After the 2 minutes)
 - a. Did the silence make you long for noise?
 - b. Were you able to stay focused on God or did you catch your mind wandering to other thoughts?
 - c. Spending time with God is intentional and takes discipline.

Quote

Justice Scalia said to his clerk when he invited him to church. “I'm just too busy,” his clerk said. Scalia replied, “Well, I'll tell the creator of the universe that you were too busy to see him.”

7. Discuss the importance of taking time to spend with God. Matthew 6:6

8. Discuss how the following describes making time for God? “One early Christian writer says the first stage of solitary prayer is as the experience of a man who, after years of living with open doors, suddenly tries to shut them, and the visitors who are accustomed to coming start pounding on the doors, demanding entry, wondering why they are not allowed in; only quiet once they understand they are not welcome.”

9. Discuss the benefits of spending time alone with God.