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## Weekly Sermon Based Discussion Questions

**March 1, 2026**

### **DIGGING DEEPER:**

1. Lent is based on Jesus' 40 day fast in the wilderness.

The Spirit led Him to that place of personal sacrifice so wouldn't the Spirit lead us to sacrifice as well?

Have you ever personally participated in a Lent or intentionally fasted from something for the purpose of personal discipline, closeness with God, or repentance?

2. What is the greatest hindrance to living our lives "near the cross?"  
What most often causes you to follow Jesus at a distance?

3. What are some of the direct results listed in scripture of living a life fully aware of the return of Jesus? Take time to look in your bibles if necessary.

4. Romans 12:1 is a powerful verse, but how is surrender a reasonable act of worship?

5. What is the difference between attempting to manage sin and exercising the power of the Holy Spirit to execute sin?

6. What does your life cause other people to crave? Hobbies, experiences, interests, money, relationships around shared interests or Jesus? What are practices that would make us "smell" like Jesus?