

2026-10-11 Discussion Questions

The pastor compared our spiritual restlessness to a child who resists a nap but desperately needs one -- in what areas of your life might God be calling you to rest in Him, and what is making you resist that rest?

Jesus chose to go up the mountain to pray after an exhausting day of ministry, even though He arguably needed it less than anyone -- what does this tell us about the role of prayer in sustaining our spiritual character, and how does your own prayer life reflect that priority?

The pastor pointed out that Jesus let the disciples strain at the oars for hours without immediately intervening -- how does understanding that God sometimes allows struggle as a tool for character development change the way you respond to seasons of difficulty in your own life?

The crowd followed Jesus primarily because He fed them, and He later called them out for it -- in what ways might we as modern believers be drawn to God primarily for what we can receive rather than for genuine relationship and transformation?

The pastor emphasized that Jesus' primary ministry was teaching, not just meeting physical needs -- how does this reframe the way you think about your own calling to make disciples, and are you more focused on meeting temporal needs or eternal ones?

Peter stepped out of the boat in faith when Jesus called him, while the other disciples stayed behind -- what boats of comfort or familiarity might God be calling you to step out of, and what fear is keeping you seated?

The pastor noted that changed people change people, and that genuine inner transformation is what draws others to Christ -- when people observe your daily life, what evidence of that inner transformation would they actually see?

Jesus dismissed the crowd with intentionality, wanting to leave them with

something to contemplate, rather than simply walking away -- how intentional are you about the spiritual impressions you leave on the people around you, whether at work, at home, or in your community?

The pastor challenged listeners to ask God to remove their personal goals and expectations about how life should unfold, citing James' call to say 'Lord willing' -- how tightly are you holding your own plans, and what would it look like to genuinely surrender them to God's timeline?

The sermon drew a connection between our irritability and grumpiness and a failure to rest in what Christ has already secured eternally -- if you truly believed your eternal future was settled, how would that confidence reshape the way you face the frustrations and disappointments of everyday life?