

2026-04-05 Discussion Questions

The pastor emphasizes that Jesus never promised an easy life to His followers, only that He would be with them through troubles. How does this reality challenge or reshape your expectations of what it means to follow Christ?

Jesus was 'troubled in spirit' even though He knew God's plan and had faith to move mountains. What does Christ's emotional struggle teach us about being honest with God about our own fears and troubles?

The sermon highlights that Jesus washed His disciples' feet, including Judas who would betray Him, demonstrating 'the full extent of his love.' How does serving those who hurt us reflect Christ's love, and where do you struggle most with this?

The pastor states that 'love is so much more of a decision than a feeling.' How does viewing love as an intentional choice rather than an emotion change the way you approach difficult relationships?

Jesus told His disciples that people would know they are His followers by their love for one another. In what specific ways can the church today demonstrate this distinguishing love to a watching world?

The message points out that we often come to God only when we need something, like children asking parents for favors. How can you cultivate a prayer life that focuses more on relationship with God than requests?

The pastor shares that Job's pain seemed to vanish when he focused on God's presence rather than his problems. How might shifting your focus from your circumstances to God's character change your current struggles?

The sermon emphasizes that most of our troubles we bring on ourselves through sin, yet God doesn't treat us as our sins deserve. How does this tension between personal responsibility and divine grace impact your understanding of suffering?

Jesus said 'In this world you will have trouble, but take heart, I have overcome the world.' How does Christ's victory over the world give you practical hope in the specific troubles you're facing today?

The testimonies shared showed people whose worst days weren't the end of their stories. What 'worst day' in your life has God used or could God use to demonstrate His redemptive power to others?