

2026-07-26 Discussion Questions

Joshua challenged the Israelites to choose whom they would serve, and Elijah asked how long they would waver between two opinions -- what areas of your life reveal that you are still wavering rather than fully committing to God as your authority?

The sermon suggests that what we think about most and talk about most is what we truly worship -- based on your conversations and thoughts over the past week, what or who has functionally been your god?

Joshua recounted all that God had done for Israel before calling them to make a decision, and the sermon encourages a similar practice of remembering God's faithfulness -- how does reflecting on what God has already done in your life affect your ability to trust him with current struggles?

The centurion in Matthew 8 believed Jesus only needed to speak a word to heal his servant, demonstrating a faith that astonished Jesus himself -- what would it look like in your daily life to operate with that same level of confidence in the authority of Christ?

The sermon draws a distinction between using God as a crutch in difficult moments versus cultivating a constant awareness of his presence -- what practical steps could you take to move from occasional dependence on God to ongoing communion with him?

Paul writes in Romans that it is God's kindness that leads us to repentance, and the sermon echoes this by noting that God has not treated us as our sins deserve -- how does recognizing undeserved grace change the way you approach both repentance and your relationship with God?

The sermon warns that Jesus is not a designer savior whom we can customize to our preferences, but rather someone who comes with his own claims and commands -- in what ways might you be selectively following Jesus while resisting the parts of his lordship that are most uncomfortable

for you?

Jesus demonstrated authority over evil spirits simply by speaking, and the sermon connects this to the importance of knowing who is on your side in spiritual conflict -- how seriously do you take the reality of spiritual warfare, and how does your belief or disbelief in it shape your daily decisions?

The sermon points out that people who do not forgive will not receive forgiveness, yet many Christians hold onto resentment while still claiming faith -- what unresolved unforgiveness might be hindering your relationship with God, and what would it take to release it?

Both Joshua and Elijah called God's people to stop being passive and make a definitive choice about who their God would be -- if you were to make or renew that choice today, what specific changes in your priorities, habits, or relationships would need to follow?