

2026-09-13 Discussion Questions

The pastor describes the Christian life as a constant 'tug of war' where we keep pulling our hand out from under God's and placing it on top -- in what areas of your life do you most often find yourself trying to be 'on top' rather than resting under God's authority?

Acts 17:26 suggests that God intentionally crosses our paths with certain people so that we might see Him -- who has God placed in your life, expected or unexpected, whose words or actions have clearly been a message from Him to you?

The pastor argues that Jesus never designed the Christian life to be lived in isolation, yet many believers remain essentially 'solo Christians' -- what practical steps could you take this week to more genuinely share life with other believers?

The disciples were sent out in Mark 6 with no provisions, no script, and no preparation beyond what they had already witnessed -- what does it reveal about our faith when we refuse to act for God until we feel fully prepared or equipped?

The pastor draws a parallel between his father trusting him alone on the tractor and God trusting us with kingdom work -- have you ever experienced the sense of God's pride in you for doing something you could not have done without Him, and what did that feel like?

The sermon makes a distinction between believing in Christ and truly following Christ, referencing James's point that even demons believe -- how does your daily life reflect a following of Christ rather than merely an intellectual agreement with His existence?

The pastor confesses that when we begin serving Christ and others for His sake, we find we have less desire and time to sin -- do you think the solution to habitual sin in your life might be less about resisting temptation and more about actively engaging in kingdom work?

Several people -- a shop teacher, an English teacher, a state trooper -- invested in the pastor's life by speaking hard but caring truths to him -- is there someone in your life right now who needs you to speak a difficult but loving truth, and what is holding you back from doing so?

The pastor challenges the congregation to identify one specific thing God has called them to do that they have ignored, avoided, or attempted in their own strength and failed -- what is that one thing for you, and what would it look like to attempt it with God rather than alone?

The sermon references the concept of 'contending for the faith' from the book of Jude, warning that treating grace as a license for immorality dishonors Christ -- in what ways do you think the broader church culture today may be taking God's grace for granted, and how should that challenge your own walk with Him?