

## I've Been Meaning To Ask Discussion Questions Week One

- 1) In this week's message, Pastor Aaron shared how we all have faith questions that rattle around in our heads, but we hold back from asking them out loud. Take a few minutes to contemplate what faith questions you have rattling around in your head but are afraid to voice out loud. Write the questions out in a private prayer journal or in a place you feel comfortable so that during the series, you can bring them to God in prayer.
- 2) Pastor Aaron listed some reasons why we don't ask the questions we have. What are some reasons you haven't voiced your faith questions?
- 3) Do you realize God is longing for us to ask Him our questions? God isn't angry at us when we come to Him with hearts of humility and love. God is always at work to deepen our relationship with Him, and sometimes, He works through questions to move us forward in faith with Him. In the Bible, people asked God questions. What was important to God was the heart with which they asked Him the question. We recently studied Luke 1 and why Mary and Zechariah's questions received different answers. Read Luke Chapter 1. Why did Mary and Zechariah's questions receive different responses?
- 4) In December, we studied the fantastic truth of the Christmas story, that Jesus came to us as a baby. How does Jesus coming to us as a baby reveal God's love for us? Take a minute to study John 3:16-17. The question we are asking this week is, "Am I enough for God?" How does what God did through the Christmas story reveal we are enough for God when we believe in Jesus?
- 5) Pastor Aaron described two types of love in his sermon. One is a love that loves because the object is valuable. The other is a love that loves and gives value to the object of that love. Human beings love because an object is valuable, but Romans 5:8 says, "But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Jesus died for us, and it is in believing in Him and receiving His love that we are enough. It isn't by what we do but by Jesus' sacrifice. Has this sunk in with you in your relationship with God? Why or why not?
- 6) Genesis 15:6 says about Abraham, "And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness." Belief in Jesus makes us righteous before God, not our works. Our work is a way to show God love in return because of the love we have received. We do not earn God's love; we receive it. Accepting God's love begins to change us from the inside out because we follow Jesus and let the Holy Spirit work in our minds and hearts. How can you establish a mind and heart more centered on loving God and loving people in 2024?