



Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message, and why?
2. What is one understanding of "how life is supposed to work" that you inherited from your family, church, or culture?
3. Why can questioning an inherited expression of faith feel like questioning God himself?
4. Jesus refuses to become merely a "patch" on the life we have already constructed. Where are people most tempted to ask Jesus to improve their lives without reorganizing them?
5. What is the difference between preserving the gospel and preserving our preferred expression of the gospel?
6. Can you think of a conviction that may be faithful even though the posture used to carry it is not? What makes the difference?
7. Jesus says fasting can be faithful in one moment and inappropriate in another. What does this teach us about discernment rather than checklist Christianity?
8. Consider a current relationship or disagreement in your life. Is your posture making you more truthful and loving, courageous and humble—or more defensive and contemptuous?
9. What could it look like to maintain a meaningful conviction while still moving toward the person with whom you disagree?
10. What is one belief, practice, or posture you need to "put beside Jesus" this week and honestly ask him to affirm, confront, or change?