

Questions from the Sermon

November 15th, 2020

1. Desire is a great motivator, perhaps the strongest in our arsenal. Have there been any occasions in your life where desire drove you to do something otherwise unlike yourself?
2. What are some things in your life that at different points you've thought, "if I only got THAT, I would be satisfied"?
 - a. Did you find this to be true when you ultimately attained it?
 - b. Why do you think our human desire is infinite?
3. "Peter intends his readers to understand who they are before God so that they can be who they are in society." What do you think it means to be who we are as followers of Jesus in society?

Read 1 Peter 1:18-23

4. In a deeper sense than the Sunday School "brothers and sisters in Christ" idea, what do you think it means that we are born again into a new family, with fellow followers of Jesus being our siblings?
 - a. Why do so many New Testament writers (and Jesus!) emphasize this reality so frequently?
5. What do verses 18 & 19 tell you about the VALUE of our redemption?

Read 1 Peter 1:24

6. In light of verse 24, is there anything in this life worthy of really pursuing?
 - a. How do we live in the tension of pursuing good things on earth without placing too much value in finite things?

Read 1 Peter 2:1

7. Look at this list of characteristics; of fruit. When, where, and in what situations do you notice these traits showing through in your life?

- a. Is it when you find yourself pursuing hard after things of this world?
- b. If this list of fruit is a contrasting list to the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23, in what areas of your life can you move toward the good fruit, and how?

Read 1 Peter 2:2-3

8. Have you ever craved, longed for anything in your adult life in the way a newborn baby craves their milk?
9. Do you really believe that God knows exactly what you need in whatever season you find yourself?
10. Practically, what are some ways you can think of that you can reorder your desires and long for and desire God before everything else in your life?