
Life Group Sermon Based Questions

"The Authority of the Son" (John 5:16-30) Pastor Peter Yi April 22, 2018

Please begin your discussion by going through the New City Catechism (#17). As the leader, read the question and have the group respond by reading the answer and Scripture together out loud. Then go around the room and read the commentary. If children are present, please include them too. Remember you can use the book, the phone app, or the browser website. Conclude with the prayer together.

1. What part of the message stood out for you, either something new you learned, or a moment when the Holy Spirit spoke to you?
2. Why is it that God, even though he instituted the Sabbath day, in a very real sense does not keep the Sabbath -- meaning that he is always working? Why is that a benefit to us?

How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus can claim that he, too, is always working?

3. The Christian doctrine of Christ is that he is co-equal with the Father, but at the same time subordinate to the Father. Jesus submits to the will of the Father. Why do you think submission, either wives to their husbands, or even submission to government, or submission to church discipline, or any other kind of submission will be nearly impossible and absent of joy, unless we grow in our understanding of the willing submission of the Son to the Father?
4. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus went to the cross, first and foremost, out of love for the Father, and secondly, out of love for his elect?
5. Jesus, as Judge, is probably one of those ideas to which we haven't given much thought. In fact, we tend to make Jesus very tame and safe. How does this role of Jesus as our judge, change your perception of Jesus?
6. For the non-believer, what are your thoughts on the judgment? Fear? Disbelief? How do you think you'll fare?

To believe better we need better content. We need to know more about Christ and we need to correct our wrong ideas of Jesus. For the Christian, how can we believe better? Try to be specific.

7. Close in prayer, worshiping Jesus as the Son, and also, as God.