
CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

Mark 10:32-45

THE PREQUEL & THE PASSAGE: *Is Anybody Listening?*

Mark 8:27-38 & Mark 10:32-45

FIVE THINGS WE STILL DON'T HEAR SO WELL!

- ❶ Greatness is **found in serving others.**
Mark 10:42-45/ Philippians 2:3-11

- ❷ A valley doesn't **mean a wrong turn.**
I Peter 4:10-19/ Hebrews 12:5-12/ Acts 14:21-22/ Exodus 14:1-31 & Numbers 13:1-14:25

- ❸ Heaven comes **later.**
Matthew 5:3-12/ Matthew 6:1-21/ Psalm 73:1-28/ Revelation 6:9-11

- ❹ Jesus is **the ONLY way to God.**
John 14:6/ I Corinthians 10:19-21/ Galatians 2:21

- ❺ Truth without **love is worthless.**
I Corinthians 13:1-3/ Matthew 5:43-48 & 2 Timothy 2:24-26/ John 13:34-35

Growth Group Homework

For the week of March 13, 2005

This week is the final meeting of the Winter Quarter. Your Growth Group homework has been shortened to allow you ample time to celebrate communion together and reflect on how God has worked during this session. The Spring Growth Group Quarter begins the week of April 3 and goes through June 4.

MY STORY

1. What is one specific highlight, encouragement or insight you have gained from your Growth Group experience this quarter?

2. At times, we all have things God tries to tell us, but we don't hear too well. Which of the "Five Things We Still Don't Hear So Well" from this week's teaching caught your attention the most and why?

Larry mentioned there were many others he could have added to the list as well. Are there others you might want to add to the list?

DIGGING DEEPER

We saw in this week's teaching that there are times we think we know how God works and what He's up to – even though the Bible tells us something completely different. In other words, like the disciples, we can hear the words but miss the meaning.

In the following verses you'll find some advice for hearing better what God and the Bible tell us about life. Jot down the advice of each verse.

Psalms 46:10

10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth.”

Proverbs 12:15

15 The way of fools seems right to them,
but the wise listen to advice.

Proverbs 27:17

17 As iron sharpens iron,
so one person sharpens another.

Proverbs 28:13

13 Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper,
but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

James 1:22-25

22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

I John 2:3-6

3 We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. 4 Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. 5 But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: 6 Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

TAKING IT HOME

Jesus knew that with time and familiarity we can lose sight of the significance and full meaning of what He did for us on the cross. That’s one reason He asked us to regularly refocus by sharing in the Lord’s Supper together. The Lord’s Supper (also known as Communion) reminds us of all that Jesus did for us. Taking time to thank Him and taking some time to examine the current state of our relationship can have a powerful impact upon our walk with God.

In preparation for communion in your group this week, read the account of Jesus’ last supper as told in Luke 22:7-30 and a description of Christ’s significance in Colossians 1:21-23.

Luke 22:7-30

7 Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. 8 Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.”

9 “Where do you want us to prepare for it?” they asked.

10 He replied, “As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, 11 and say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where

I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ 12 He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there.”

13 They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

14 When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. 15 And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. 16 For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”

17 After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. 18 For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

19 And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

20 In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. 21 But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table.

22 The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!” 23 They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

24 A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. 25 Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors.

26 But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. 27 For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

28 You are those who have stood by me in my trials. 29 And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, 30 so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Colossians 1:21-23

21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22

But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— 23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Looking back at what you just read, what would you like to thank God for?