



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of June 13&14, 2020

Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text

2 Samuel 18:19-19:8

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Summary

Through King David's and Joab's very different perspectives on life, we are challenged as Christians to live with a hope set firmly on eternity but not in a way that we would be sinfully detached from the present.

Discussion Questions

1. How would you explain David's overwhelming grief over the death of Absalom - his son who not only tried to depose him as king but also sought to kill him? How would David's understanding of eternity as well as his own guilt contribute to his debilitating sorrow?
2. When was the last time you sat and wept over the reality that those who do not turn from their sin and turn towards Jesus Christ will perish forever? How should this impact your relationships with unbelievers?
3. Joab has a completely different response to Absalom's death than David. Joab, the effective, pragmatic, battle hardened warrior was more than willing to take Absalom's life, in order to bring peace to the nation. In your opinion, was Joab right in killing Absalom for the sake of Israel?

4. As a Christian, do you find yourself so focused on the reality of a future hope in heaven that you lose touch with the pain and sorrow of this present life? Or are you a Christian who is so absorbed with social causes and movements, that you've lost sight of humanity's ultimate end? How can you balance keeping an eternal perspective on life while at the same time continuing to love your neighbor and weeping with those who weep?

5. Our country and many other countries around the world are struggling with injustice, hatred, division, riots, and fear. How does it help you as a Christian to know that in spite of the fact that God sees and understands all of this turmoil (with much more clarity than you do), John 3:16 still rings true?