



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of January 9, 2022

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

Luke 6:43-45

43 "For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, 44 for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. 45 The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiikaichurch.org/sermononline>

Summary

In our passage this week, Jesus teaches us a very simple principle - you will know what is inside a person's heart by the way they act. Jesus wants us to look in the mirror and truly see what kind of tree we are by the way we live our lives. Through this teaching we see that the only way for good fruit to come from our lives is not through behavior modification, but to actually change the nature of the tree. The only way to change the tree is through regeneration; we must be born again. It is only through Jesus Christ that we can and will change so that good fruit is the product of our lives.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you agree that whatever is inside a person (both good and bad) *always* spills out from our mouths and lives? In other words, is it possible for people to pretend they are a mango tree when they are actually a thornbush? Why or why not?
2. Why are people so prone to blame other people or their external circumstances for their “bad fruit”? Would a person change if you were somehow able to remove everything they blame for their “bad fruit”? If so, how? Can you change someone through external means?
3. How do tough situations and difficult relationships act as catalysts to reveal what’s inside each of our hearts? How does this change your perspective of tough situations and difficult relationships?
4. Our sermon challenged us to look in a mirror. How does this week’s teaching help us to see ourselves more accurately? Based on your “fruit”, what kind of tree are you? If you see bad fruit coming out of you, can you change yourself? How can a Christian who bears “bad fruit” change?