



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of December 3, 2023

Sermon Text Luke 20:27-40

[27] There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, [28] and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. [29] Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. [30] And the second [31] and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. [32] Afterward the woman also died. [33] In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife." [34] And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, [35] but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, [36] for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. [37] But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. [38] Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." [39] Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." [40] For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

Discussion Questions

1. From an April 2023 article by Gallup, most respondents around the world (57%) think that there is life after death. One in four (23%) do not believe that anything happens when we die. 15% cannot say. Why do you think people do not believe or cannot say if there is life after death? How would you try to convince an unbeliever that there is life after death?
2. What are the dangers and consequences of having an incorrect, unrealistic understanding of what happens after death? How does such a belief affect how a person lives in this life? Do believers always live according to the reality of life after death? Explain.
3. The Bible teaches that marriage alludes to, or is a shadow of Christ's relationship to His church (Ephesians 5:31-32). Although not every believer gets married and not every Christian marriage experiences deep love and intimacy, using the ideal of human marriage as the example, describe what you think every believer should look forward to in the life to come.
4. Jesus references the life of Moses and Abraham to show that God is the God of the living and not the dead. Using Moses and Abraham as an example, how should believers, who look forward to the life to come, live their lives in the present world? (For reference, please read Hebrews 11:8-28)

5. Do you believe in life after death and that our best life is yet to come? Explain your answer. Our passage this week forces us to contemplate the consequences of focusing only on this life - being so infatuated with this life - that we don't live for the age to come. How could many of our present problems go away if we were to change our focus from this life to the next?