



The power of a Question

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Reading: Luke 2:41-52 & John 6

Questions

Children often go through a stage of constantly asking the question “Why?” Why do you think this is such a common thing? As they (we) grow older the number of questions they/we ask significantly lessens - why does this happen?

In the Gospels Jesus is asked over 180 questions – not a surprise due to the things he does and says. However, we also discover that Jesus asks people over 300 questions. Why did Jesus ask so many questions?

Q.1. *“Why were you searching for me?” Luke 2:49*

Jesus’ question to Mary and Joseph was not meant to be rude or cheeky, but to cause them to stop and think about their focus. What was their focus in v48? Jesus’ next question points to something bigger “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” Jesus was reminding them that there was a bigger salvation story unfolding. When you come to Jesus – in prayer, worship, small group, Sunday service, etc., is your focus more on your agenda or Jesus’ agenda?

John 6

In John 6 the question of ‘why we are searching for/following Jesus’ is encountered again. The day after Jesus feeds the 5,000 many people search for Jesus. When they find him, Jesus challenges them by saying that they are searching for him because they want more bread for their

bellies (Jn 6:26). Jesus tells them to seek after Living Bread that leads to eternal life – and that bread is him (v35). Jesus continues (v51-53), to say that eternal life (salvation) is found by eating his flesh and drinking his blood. This is not cannibalism, but strong symbolic and sacrificial language. Basically, Jesus is saying you need to follow/trust/accept me completely - not just the bits you like (see Luke 9:23). Many of the disciples/followers/crowd thought this was too demanding and walked away. Jesus then asks the Twelve, “Will you leave too?” – why are you following me? And Peter replies (v68) “Lord, to whom else shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

Where was Peter’s focus? When Jesus’ call sounds difficult to you – following, loving one another, forgiving, serving, financial giving, moral life style, etc., do you follow Jesus’ way or your way? Who is ‘Lord’?

Our needs matter to Jesus – Jesus did not need to feed the 5,000 – however God’s salvation plan is bigger than the needs we can so often find ourselves focusing on.

“Why are you searching for Jesus?”

Do you need to stop and think?



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