



Discussion Questions

IT'S NOT ME, IT'S YOU *Part 1 - When Jesus Walked Away*

Read 1 Corinthians 15:33 and Proverbs 13:20

Parents often ask their teenagers, “Where are you going, and who will you be with?” Why are these questions key? Should we ask those questions of ourselves when we venture out or get online?

Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Reliable friends are essential, while toxic people keep us from the mission God gave us. For each of the examples Pastor Cunningham provided on Sunday, can you provide examples of reliable people in your life with each specific trait?

- o Reliable people make us more productive.
- o Reliable people help us out.
- o Reliable people comfort when there’s nothing in it for them.
- o Reliable people have your back even when you’re not around.

“Jesus didn’t let the needs, pleas, attacks, or unresponsiveness of others distract Him from the mission given to Him by His heavenly Father. Sometimes to follow in the footsteps of Jesus is to walk away from others or to let them walk away from us.” - Gary Thomas.

Do you struggle with distraction in what God has called you to do? How do you balance the tension of ministering to someone with walking away from someone who pulls you off course?

Read John 6:66-67, Luke 23:9, and Matthew 27:12-14

Jesus knew His mission well enough to not allow naysayers to distract Him. What do you think would have happened if Jesus would have defended Himself to Pilate? Do you struggle with having to defend yourself or prove that you are right? How has that worked out for you? How do you determine whether you should speak up or respond in silence?

Read John 6:38, Luke 19:10, Matthew 28:19-20

How do these scriptures clarify why Jesus came, and the mission He gave us? How are you doing at staying on mission?

In closing, pray that each of us may recognize when it is appropriate to walk away from toxic people or allow them to walk away from us in order to be effective in the ministry of sharing God’s love with others.