

(1) In what sense or in what ways might a person who is exposed to Christianity “believe” but still not be born again and saved? Have you known people like this? How would you speak to them or counsel them regarding their relationship to Jesus?

(2) What do you think Jesus meant when he spoke of abiding “in his word”? How do we do this?

(3) What does it mean to you to speak of God as “Father”? What are some of the obstacles you face in resting and rejoicing in this truth?

(4) What does Jesus mean when he says that a true disciple is someone who “hears” the Word of God? If he doesn’t use the word “hears” to refer to physical hearing, what does it mean?

(5) In the sermon I spoke of experiencing an “unrestrained, extravagant, unashamed affection for Jesus.” Does this resonate with your experience? If not, what hinders you from enjoying Jesus in this way? What might be done to cultivate a deeper level of intimacy with him?