

Short Review

Review the main points of the morning message.

Focus the group on the main theme: Can I be a follower of Jesus if I don't believe (trust, accept the authority of) the Bible?

Some Questions:

1. As you've talked with friends and family, what do most believe about the bible? How many people would say:
 - a. It is inspired. (What do they mean by that?)
 - b. It is inspiring, a good book to read.
 - c. It has some good teaching in it.
 - d. It is the Word of God.
 - e. Just one among many books claiming to be God's Word.
2. Let's focus on this theme by answering this question: What would you say to someone who said, "I'm a Christian, I consider myself a follower of Jesus, but I don't really believe or read the bible. It's a book written long ago by a bunch of different people."
3. Comment on Mt. 19:20a – What does this verse say about the authority and position that Jesus claims for Himself? Explain.
4. Review and discuss the four questions.
 - a. Do I love to share the words of Jesus? ["Going" – not just traveling, but as we go we make disciples]
 - b. Do I choose to walk with others who follow Jesus' words? [I Cor. 12:13 – "Baptizing" means being made part of the church]
 - i. What are the practical, emotional, relational challenges of doing this?
 - ii. Why is it important? [Heb. 10:24,25, Prov. 13:20]
 - iii. Why is this important in parenting our children?
 - c. Do I love to hear Jesus' words?
 - i. Why is this a mark of being a follower of Jesus? See John 14:15; 8:31
 - ii. How did your reading and interest in the Bible change when you came to faith?
 - d. Do I trust Jesus' words even when they are challenging?
 - i. What are some of the most challenging commands of Jesus to us personally?
 - ii. What are examples of commands and teachings of Jesus which go across the grain of our culture today?
 - iii. How do you honor Jesus while at the same time genuinely loving and honoring those who disagree with His word?
5. **What resonated with you? Were there particular applications to your own life which the Spirit was making?**
6. **How can we pray for one another in response to the word today?**

