
The Intervention

Interventionist "In Training"

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Sermon Discussion Guide
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Ice Breaker

- If you could ask Jesus one question right now what would it be?

Jesus story is about God's intervention on our behalf. We don't save ourselves...it is clearly a gift, not something we deserve. This lesson will help us become interventionist in training. He has assigned to you and I the task of telling the Jesus story.

Acts 2:46-47 (NIV[®])

⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV[®])

²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

1. What were the benefits/outcomes of the early church meeting together? How have you seen this in our lives as a small group/church community?
2. What does becoming an "ambassador" require...i.e. advocates, alliance, knowledge? Where are places you are God's ambassador?

The following are Questions asked by persons participating in Faith Groups ---

Not all of the questions have complete answers from Scripture, we do not have all the information but we have enough truth from the bible to address the questions. Often these topics result in anxiety or fear, which is unfortunate because they aren't frightening questions. The answers to these questions are hopeful and should fill us with anticipation.

1. Since our souls go to Heaven when we die...could they 'come back' through new 'births'...reincarnation?

The bible says that you are a You are a spirit, you have a soul ...your mind, will & emotions, and you live in a body. Your spirit is eternal, created in the image of God...eternal. The biblical worldview of time is linear...it has a beginning and end.

Hebrews 9:27-28 (NIV[®])

²⁷ Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Genesis 1:1 (NIV[®])

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Matthew 24:14 (NIV[®])

¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

3. How many times is man destined to die? What is understood in Genesis 1:1 and Matthew 24:14? Why is this a wonderful promise? How does it help us to honor God in each life stage?

2. Will we really have a new '2.0' body - physically?

Luke 24:36-43 (NASB[®])

³⁶ While they were telling these things, He Himself stood in their midst and *said to them, "Peace be to you." ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit. ³⁸ And He said

to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"³⁹ "See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."⁴⁰ And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.⁴¹ While they still could not believe *it* because of their joy and amazement, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"⁴² They gave Him a piece of a broiled fish;⁴³ and He took it and ate *it* before them.

4. The room was locked and then Jesus appears to His friends. Why were the disciples startled and frightened...what questions did Jesus ask them? What are the details this scripture says about a resurrected body?

1 Corinthians 15:20-24 (NIV®)

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

1 Corinthians 15:42-44 (NIV®)

⁴² So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

5. What will happen to those who die in Christ? Read vs 42-44 what are the things Christ exchanges for our first body?

3. Will we recognize loved ones in Heaven?

Matthew 17:1-3 (NIV®)

¹ After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³ Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

6. Although Moses and Elijah were alive hundreds of years before Peter, James and John the scripture says they recognized them. How did they know? Having the ability to be known tells us what? Hebrews 12:1. Discuss this truth.

³⁰ "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

³¹ "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

4. Is 'Hell' a fiery pit or a 'state of consciousness'?

Satan is not in hell, he is alive and well on planet earth he will ultimately be destined for judgment, his time is coming to a close---thus the intensification of effort.

Revelation 20:11-15 (NIV®)

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. . . .¹⁵ If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

7. Hell was not created for man but for Satan and his angels that are in rebellion. How do we forfeit heaven? Does the bible describe hell as a literal place?

Prayer

Heavenly Father, teach us to order our days aright, that we might be pleasing in your sight. Give us wisdom to choose your best. Deliver us from temptation and protect us from evil. Forgive us as we forgive others. May your Kingdom come and your will be expressed throughout all the earth, in Jesus' name, amen.

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