



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Sermon Discussion Guide

Series: What's the Point?

Sermon: What's the Point of Jesus' Death to Me Personally?

Recap the Highlights:

Whenever one seeks to know the ways or understand the motivations of God/Jesus - there is an immediate problem that must be addressed:

1. He is infinite and we are finite!
 - a. Isaiah 55:8-9 “⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways, my ways, says the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”
2. We are sinful, and He is Holy!
 - a. “If there is to be knowledge of God, He Himself must grant it. It must come from His side, out of His mystery, across the chasm of finitude and sinfulness.” - Renewal Theology, J. Rodman Williams.

What's the Point of Jesus' Death to Me Personally?

1. He **identified** with my sinfulness.
 - a. “For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.” - 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)
2. He **bore** my punishment.
 - a. “Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows... Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.” - Isaiah 53:4 & 6b
3. He **took** away my sin.
 - a. “(God)... has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.” - Psalm 103:12 (NLT)

Now Dig Deeper:

1. Discuss the difference between being infinite and being finite.
2. Pastor Patrick gave an example of a child learning to play hide and seek. The child eventually gains more knowledge as he/she grows and learns to seek better. This is a reference to God revealing himself more to us. Talk about times when you couldn't understand something that God revealed to you for your own understanding.
3. There were two examples: one was Best Song Ever, which is determined by opinion vs. How many eggs are in this bowl, which is determined by truth. Discuss other examples of topics that are based on truth vs. opinion.
4. Discuss the 3 ways that Jesus was able to relate to us through his death.

Respond & Pray:

- Pray as a group and ask God to reveal himself to you in ways that he has never done so before. Pray over our church and leaders as we go into the Easter weekend.