

Because of the nature of this Series and this particular topic, these “questions” are a little less directive. My counsel to you is to allow people to share what they heard/received from the sermon and then direct people continually back to the Scripture shared.

Define Intervention: A next step in getting through to hope, restoration and healing. It requires repentance and we are here to say “the bridge is out!”

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Matthew 18:15-20 ESV

It is no secret that God sees what is done in secret. What do you think about this statement?

“With much seductive speech she persuades him; with her smooth talk she compels him. All at once he follows her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a stag is caught fast till an arrow pierces its liver; as a bird rushes into a snare; he does not know that it will cost him his life.” Proverbs 7:21-23 ESV

Proverbs 6:32

He who commits adultery lacks sense; he who does it destroys himself.

Covenant vs Contract – a covenant is kept even if one party does not keep their end of the deal.

Xi qi qi ren - the deception of others while deceiving yourself. How have you done this in your own life?

“Stolen water is sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.” But he does not know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.”

Proverbs 9:17-18 ESV

Choosing to live in secret? The Bible says that living in the secret place is choosing hell on earth.

Hebrews 13:4

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

- Both those who are married and unmarried. How can an unmarried person keep the marriage bed undefiled?
- The road that lies ahead of you either leads to repenting or continuing in your sin.

“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.” Ephesians 2:1-3 ESV

Only Christ can transform your heart.

“Follow your heart” - Adam and Eve followed their heart straight into sin.

“For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone.”

Matthew 15:19-20 ESV

All sins against others. Offenses born out of our hearts.

When godly sorrow is absent and you choose not to repent it is an indicator that you are not a Christ-follower.

God understands what it is like to be in a loveless marriage because of the unfaithfulness of His bride the church. How did that statement resonate when you heard it?

Christ is who He says He is and He never leaves even in the midst of our sin and shame.

This is a loose quote of Fred Rogers – “When there is chaos and trouble, look for the helpers.”

Who is running in when others are running out? Are you someone that runs in or runs out when others are hurting?

What did you think of the definition of Forgiveness- a continual action of forgiveness

“A debt has to be paid and you don’t owe me anything.”

What to do when trust is broken?

Trusting Jesus one day at a time. The challenge can be waiting and trusting for God to share the plan.

Your mercies are new every morning.

Grace is never earned and trust is always earned.

The offender has to bestow grace upon grace to the offended as they regain trust the offender again.

This was said in the sermon – “Will you just sit here and be a failure and learn to trust Me? Quit trying to fix it and just allow Me to heal and restore you?” I wonder what this may look like in my life or your life?

Remember the tone in which it was shared was not one of disgust and disdain, but born out of great love for healing and redemption.

Because you are a failure, that is why I came. - Jesus

Hope – Christ not only offers hope, He is hope.

“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” Psalms 16:11 ESV

Out of great turmoil Jeremiah writes this -

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11 ESV

Allow time for prayer requests and close your time in prayer.