

Sermon Discussion Questions - May 17, 2020

Main Points

- We're asking one big question: "God, what do you want me to do?"
- Jesus suffered greatly in his life, and from that we can learn how to seek and follow God's will for our lives.
- Seeking God's will when suffering transforms our will today.
- We can't choose our suffering, but if we have Jesus' attitude when it comes, it will transform our lives.
- Living without sin isn't a command, it's a result—a result of our having the same attitude as Jesus, the desire to seek God's will for our lives.
- God, what do you want me to do?
 - Ask all day, every day.
 - Ask about serving.
 - Consider a step study.

Opening

Have you felt closer to or farther away from God in this season? Why do you think that could be?

Discussion

- Can you describe a time in your life where you knew God was telling you what He wanted you to do? How did you know? How did you respond?
- On the night that Jesus was betrayed and arrested, he prayed right before it happened. Read <u>Mark 14:32-36</u>. How was Jesus' feeling? How did he respond to his circumstances?
- If Jesus was going to end with "Yet not what I will, but what you will", why do you think he prayed?
- Soren Kierkegaard said, "The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays." In what ways can prayer change us?
 - How can that change be instrumental for knowing and following God's will?
- Mark 14:32-36 shows us that seeking and following God's will for our lives doesn't mean our lives will be
 without suffering or trouble. How have you seen the world become a better place from someone seeking
 God's will in hard times?

Closing

• Is there something that God is asking you to do? If so, what? What obstacles are involved that you need to pray about?