

Discussion Questions - 1/22/23

Jesus' Gifts to the Church - John 17:13-19

Here are three basic questions you can always ask in any bible study:

- What does this text teach us about God?
- What does this text teach us about ourselves?
- If this text is true, what should we do to obey this teaching? This answer ought to be specific, in that it can be clearly measured.

Here are some specific questions about this text:

- Where does joy rank in your understanding of life as a Christian and in the church?
 - What does it mean to share in Jesus' joy?
 - How is this joy different from circumstantial joy?
- Jesus teaches that the church should neither assimilate to the world or be secluded from the world.
 - In what ways is the contemporary American church tempted to assimilate to the surrounding culture?
 - In what ways does the church try to remove itself from the world it is called to love?
 - In what ways are you (and your family) tempted to assimilate with the world, seclude from the world, or both?
- What does it mean that the church is called to be holy?
- What does it mean for the church to be sent into the world?
 - Why is this good news for the church and for the world?
 - Why is it easier for the church to keep to itself as opposed to being in the world as ones who are sent out by Jesus?