



Westminster Presbyterian Church Digging Deeper Questions

April 8, 2018

“What Now? The Easter Response”

Scripture: Psalm 57:7-11 &

Mark 12:28-34

Reflecting on the WPC Sermon from April 8 and concluding thoughts on our Lenten journey through Mark.

Open in Prayer

Fellowship Question: What aspects of earthly life would you like to see remain the same in heaven?

Study Questions for the Sermon and Text:

- 1) Let's be honest, sometimes loving others is difficult. Why is it easier to show love to some people than others? What makes someone easy to love? What makes it difficult?
- 2) Read Mark 12:28-34
 - a) How does it look to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength?
 - b) The scribe asked Jesus to name the greatest command. He answers with two. Why? How are the two answers connected to one another?
 - c) When Jesus tells the Scribe who questions him that he “is not far from the Kingdom of God” he both compliments and challenges him. How is it a compliment? How is it a challenge?
- 3) What is a tangible way Westminster Presbyterian Church, as a community, loves our neighbors? In what areas can we improve?
- 4) Can you name five of your neighbors? Why is it important, as followers of Christ, for us to know who we live around? What is a tangible way you can show love in your neighborhood?
- 5) How would you describe God's love to someone who has no concept of it (someone who doesn't know 'church language' or someone who might even see God as someone who is angry or vengeful)?
- 6) Reflect on the journey we've been through in Mark's Gospel.
 - a) If you had to summarize, how does Mark describe Jesus? Is there anything that stands out about how Mark describes Jesus' identity, compared to the other Gospels?
 - b) During this series, Pastor Dave said a few times that “Mark doesn't waste words, he's straight to the point.” What are some of the highlights or “bullet points” of the story that Mark tells? Is there a part of Mark's Gospel that resonates with you more than others?

Prayer: *Give us generous hearts, good Lord, that we may show our love for you and for one another in response to all your love for us.*