

Community Group Discussion Questions

Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church | Sunday, March 19, 2023

On the Move Sermon Series, Luke 9:57-62

“A Hardline Vision”

1. As a kid, what did you always want to be when you got older? Did you get there? Why or why not? What kind of path did God steer you towards instead?
2. In today’s message the past was talked about. Sometimes the past can be a crutch for followers of Jesus because we remember God’s faithfulness at a time in our lives that was dear to us. The unfortunate thing about the past is that we can’t live there, so we must entrust ourselves to the new thing that God is doing. Read Revelation 21:5. What are some new things that God is doing in your life, your Community Group, and at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church? Share with the group.
3. The gospel that Jesus preached was a message of His Kingdom, the announcement that God has established His rule and reign through His Son, the Saving King. This message has a “now, but not yet” component. Jesus is our Savior King, who is ruling at the right hand of the Father; and yet we long to see the completed work of His Kingdom “on earth as it is in heaven.” How should this news change the way we live now considering eternity with Jesus?

Example illustration: Scholar NT Wright talked about what the gospel does. He said that the gospel creates a tension in time that says the world will never be the same. This is like your favorite sporting team winning the championship, but you haven’t had the celebration and parade just yet. They’re still the winners, but we haven’t enjoyed the fullness of the celebration.
4. **Read Ephesians 2:10 and Song of Solomon 7:10.** The practice of belief helps remind us that what God has said and done is the true thing about us. Our hearts are prone to disbelief. Satan is the Accuser, the Father of Lies, who wants us to believe that these truths are not so. The good news is that God does have a plan to use you, despite your brokenness, and that He doesn’t need you to be perfect. How can you remind one another that God is purposeful with His creation, His desire is for you, and that you can be used by God?