

Sermon Discussion Questions for Small Groups

Week of February 25th
Sermon Titled: "Why Does God Use Us "

Main point: God doesn't need us, but He delights in using us because it brings Him glory and gives us joy.

Open in Prayer. Read Acts 9:10-22.

As you begin, ask the group: How would you summarize the main points of the sermon? What stood out to you about the sermon? What questions did you have? What challenged you?

Note for the discussion and application questions: choose a couple of the questions below to discuss and go deeper with the sermon together.

Application & Discussion Questions

1. Why does God use us? Describe a time when was a time where you were used by God for his kingdom purposes and how you were shaped by it?
2. Ananias listens to God and responds in honest confusion (v.13-14). How does this give permission to wrestle with God in prayer? Where are other places in Scripture we see this?
3. We see a man who wavered when he heard God's voice, yet despite his initial hesitation he was faithful and obedient. What are things we can do to cultivate faith in God even when things are unclear?
4. Discuss this quote on listening and obedience by Tim Challies:
"Ananias' small act of obedience led to a great harvest for the kingdom...Small acts of obedience that are premised on the Word of God, even when they seem contrary to reason, and even when they seem to challenge what seems so plain, can have great significance. Our perspective is so small, so limited. God's perspective is wide, taking in all of history in a single glance. We need to rely on Him, on His Word, on His voice, trusting that He will not lead us astray."
5. What are places in your life that God may be calling you to lean into His promises while you are waiting on Him?

Prayer Focus: Pray for a desire to study His Word and an ability to listen to His voice and obey, even when it doesn't make sense to us rationally.