

Getting Started

1. Did you play travel games when you traveled as a kid? Do you play travel games now?
2. What is the longest drive you have ever been on? What was it like?
3. Who is someone you know that does not know Jesus or have a relationship with him? What can you do to help them get to know Jesus?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain

Digging Deeper

5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 54

Q. What do you believe concerning "the holy catholic church"?

A. I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word,¹ out of the entire human race,² from the beginning of the world to its end,³ gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life⁴ and united in true faith.⁵ And of this community I am⁶ and always will be⁷ a living member.

¹ John 10:14-16; Acts 20:28; Rom. 10:14-17; Col. 1:18 ² Gen. 26:3b-4; Rev. 5:9 ³ Isa. 59:21; 1 Cor. 11:26 ⁴ Matt. 16:18; John 10:28-30; Rom. 8:28-30; Eph. 1:3-14 ⁵ Acts 2:42-47; Eph. 4:1-6 ⁶ 1 John 3:14, 19-21 ⁷ John 10:27-28; 1 Cor. 1:4-9; 1 Pet. 1:3-5

How does this make you feel?

6. Jesus references Noah in Luke 17:26. Read Genesis 6:1-8. Why does Jesus reference this story?
7. Jesus references Lot in Luke 17:27. Read Genesis 19:23-29. Why does Jesus reference this story?
8. Read Matt. 4:23; 24:24; Acts 20:25; 28:23, 31. What is the task of the church as it relates to the kingdom of God?

Application

9. We long for the day when the world is perfect. No more pain, sorrow, death or destruction. When will that day be? Not until Jesus returns, but the kingdom of God is here in part. We as the church have the responsibility and joy of telling people about the kingdom of God. We are part of Christ's holy church and we get to show the world God's kingdom. How are you going to do that today?

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Tough Teachings of Jesus

“Are We There Yet?”

“Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed.”

Luke 17:20

- We don't always get _____ we want _____ we want it.
- The kingdom of God is at _____.
- The kingdom of God will not _____ like we expect it to _____.

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