



Study questions

Sunday, Jan 12th '20

After the introduction last week to our verse for the year, we'll take the next 3 weeks to explore what it means – to stop wrestling with God and trust Him. We'll look at this in each of the 3 areas of our church purpose statement – *to grow in our love for God, our love for each other, and for those who don't yet know Jesus.*

Our aim is to keep our passion strong in each of these areas.

1. We looked at some things that prevent us growing in our love for God. We discussed some "internal" issues (hostility, arrogance, a "consumer mentality", an overwhelming sense of our own unworthiness, fear). What else would you add to this list? What does a "consumer mentality" in church look like? What "external" issues stop us giving God our all?

2. Read Luke 10:25-29

God's requirement for eternal life is to love Him supremely and to love your neighbour as much as yourself. No one can love in these ways without the help which God gives through faith in Christ.

This "expert in the Law" knew his O.T. Scriptures (look up Deut 6:1-9.)

i) What struggles does this passage suggest in his life?

ii) How can we guard against seeing faith simply as "knowing the right answer" or "head knowledge".

iii) What effect will a legalistic approach have on our love for God?

3. Read 2 Peter 3:17-18

What questions occur to you as you read this passage? What "guardrails" do we need to put up in our lives so we can be on our guard v17?

We said that "all conversations on this passage need to circle back to God's grace." Why is this important? What promises can you find in John 10:27-29?

4. Last week we looked at the question "If you really wanted to get closer to God, what would that look like?" What have you done as a result?