

LOVING LIFE, PART 15 • Life Questions

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During this week's sermon, Matt referred to a dialogue between a mom and son everyday after school. The question wasn't "What did you learn today?", but rather "What questions did you ask today?" We can find out a great deal in life by the questions we ask. Here are four life questions that need to be answered in your life.

Loving
Life
A journey
through
the Gospel of John

Four Life Questions:

1. Who am I? (vs. 22-30)

We can put off this question many times throughout our life but eventually we can't avoid it – **Who am I?**

The author John (in the book of John), very specifically but eloquently laid out who he was as a follower of Christ. John knew his position before God; that God was his creator and that all he had was given to him by God. Psalm 139:13-14 *"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."*

As we ponder the question, "Who am I?" perhaps a better question to ask is "Whose am I?" What is your position before God? How should this change your outlook for your day, week, month, life?

2. Who is God? (vs. 31)

When we ask the question; "Who is God?", we must first examine our view of God. This view of God shapes how we live out our lives. Matt gave an example stating, "Are you a 'big godder' person or a 'little godder' person?" Translation: Do you have a high view of God (big godder), inferring that God is intimately involved in our lives and orchestrating all things for His glory? Or do you have a low view of God (little godder), inferring a god of little impact and involvement in our lives? The book of Isaiah also explains this position we have before God and how easily it is distorted. Isaiah 29:16 *"You turn things upside down, as if the potter were thought to be like the clay! Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'He did not make me'? Can the pot say of the potter, 'He knows nothing'?"* John understood this high view of God and stated in John 3:30, *"He must become greater; I must become less."* To you, who is God? Are you a "big godder" person or a "little godder" person? Why? Are you able to state your position before God – that you have been created by Him for Him? Explain?

3. Has He (God) Spoken? (vs. 32-35)

Matt gave an example of Robert Kupferschmitt flying in a plane with his friend. His friend (the pilot) had a massive heart attack and passed away. Robert, without any experience in flying, got on the radio and frantically cried out for help to gain control of the plane and land it safely. In this life and death experience, how do you think Robert listened to the radio and to the instructions that were given to him? Hebrews 1:1 *"In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe."* God does speak to us through His creation, through our conscience, through the written and living word, through circumstances and through others. How do you hear God speaking? Do you listen to God as if your life depends upon it?

4. How Will I Respond? (vs. 36)

Joshua 24:15 *"But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."* From the day we were born we have all been making choices about whom we are serving. This is reflected in our identities, our securities, in our comforts and our pain. God has given us all a choice in life. . . Who are you serving? How are you responding to your Heavenly Father? How are you living your life for His glory?