

CTK Community Group Sermon Discussion Questions & Announcements

Week of 5/29/22

DISCUSSION:

Mark 6:14-29

(Discuss the question cluster below)

The sermon pointed out a few things: 1) How sin breaks down our ability to say no to other sins; 2) How we can suffer without having done anything wrong; and 3) How Jesus enters into our suffering at the cross to both know our pain and to heal us. Let's talk about how we can translate these things from information we know into new approaches to sin and suffering.

- A. Are you experiencing (or have you experienced) any tough pain, difficulty or suffering right now?
 1. *What would it be like to sense Jesus entering into that suffering with you – sitting down in it and identifying with you deeply, like he did for John the Baptist? What difference might that make for you?*
- B. Do you tend to wonder what you've done wrong or if God is punishing you when you go through something really hard?
 1. *Are there mindsets or fears about what God is like behind that? What do you imagine God expects from you?*
 2. *How might you start approaching suffering differently knowing that God's clearest picture of what he thinks about you shows up at the cross of Jesus Christ – where all your sins are forgiven and you're seen now as beautiful and loved?*
- C. How does it change the way you think about those individual moments where you're tempted to sin now that you know those little moments are also about trying to break your entire ability to say no to other (or worse) sins?
 1. *Even with this knowledge, what help will you need from God to not only recognize the devil's schemes, but to turn away from sin?*
 2. *What help might we need from each other?*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Our Adult Ed class on the Ecclesial Architecture is **meeting in-person in the social hall** on Sundays at 9am. There will still be a Zoom option for those who would prefer to watch online.
- Save the Date: **CTK Women's Ministry has planned** a short hike at [Breakheart Reservation](#) on Saturday, June 18 at 10:00AM. More details to come.