Ten Questions for the Honest Heart

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INTRODUCTION

- I think the million dollar question when it comes to studying the scriptures is how do I get in a relationship with God?
- We're going to discuss this morning about what keeps you from a relationship with God.

1 Why Did Jesus Die on the Cross?

Isaiah 53:1–11; Romans 3:23–26

- Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.
- And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- Jesus died on the cross because the wages of sin is death.

2 Who Did Jesus Die For?

1 John 2:1–2; Hebrews 2:9–10; Matthew 7:13–14

- He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.
- There will be people who reject Jesus, but he died for us all.
- If I'm not a Christian, I need to know that Jesus died for me.

3 How Are We Drawn to Jesus?

Romans 10:17; 2 Thessalonians 2:13–14

- Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.
- To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- How are we drawn to Jesus? Through the gospel.

4 Who Will Jesus Save? What Did Jesus Command?

Matthew 7:21–27; Luke 13:3; Mark 16:15–16

- Not everyone who says to me, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
- Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.
- Repentance is saying, this life I've lived in open rebellion of God is no more.
- We must confess Jesus. It's not about saying magic words, it's about what? It's about a life.
- Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.

5 When Does Jesus Forgive Our Sins?

Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3–4; Galatians 3:27–29

- For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
- Repent and be baptized, every one of you. In the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins.
- Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
- At what point do we come into contact with the blood of Christ? The same place he shed his blood.
- For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

6 Faithful After Baptism and the Cost of Discipleship

Romans 12:1–2; Luke 9:23; Matthew 10:34–39

- How are we going to be faithful? We're going to be disciples of Jesus the Christ.
- And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.
- It's that the truth of Christ is a dividing sword.
- Have you counted the cost? It's high. But what our God offers is far beyond anything that we can ever even think of.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Just answer the question. What keeps you from God this morning?**

MY NOTES