

WEEK 5- MARKS OF CHRISTIANITY

Acts 4:23-32

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. REAL CHRISTIANITY IS MARKED BY SERVING GOD CONSISTENTLY
2. REAL CHRISTIANITY IS MARKED BY KNOWING GOD DELIBERATELY
3. REAL CHRISTIANITY IS MARKED BY EXPERIENCING GOD PERIODICALLY
4. REAL CHRISTIANITY IS MARKED BY EXHIBITING GOD GENEROUSLY

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What part of this past Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. This week's message focused on how you can know if you really are a Christian. How did you feel after hearing this message? Were you concerned, encouraged or maybe some of both?
3. Knowing God is different than knowing about God. A Christian is someone who has a personal relationship with God and a huge part of any relationship is two-way communication. With God that looks like reading His Word and responding in prayer. What are some reasons you pray? How do you pray?
4. One of the main ideas this week was that "Real Christianity is marked by experiencing God periodically." Describe a time when you personally experienced God.
5. One of the primary reasons we are not more generous is because we're fearful. We often look to our things and money for our security so giving them away can be scary. Have you ever seen this play out in your life? Where did the Christians in Acts 4:23-32 find the courage to live generously?
6. Throughout the Old Testament the presence of God is not something that people can be around without being terrified. What was different for the Christians in Acts 4? How could they be around the presence of God and instead of being afraid they were emboldened?
7. Which of the four marks of real Christianity would you like to see more in your own life?