

King and Messiah Week 17

Have you ever doubted God? If so, what were the root causes of that doubt? How do we live by faith in the midst of doubt?

Read Matthew 11

John has an incredible experience with Jesus in Matthew 3. What do you think then causes him to have a time of doubt (Matthew 11:2-3)?

Why is what Jesus told John's disciples in verses 4 and 5 so important? How does it answer John's question?

What does it mean to not be offended by Jesus (v. 6)?

As we wrestle with doubt or unbelief, what kind of attitude should we have (v. 15, 20)?

How can we be sure we are 'hearing'?

What do verses 16-19 say about people's expectations of Jesus? How is Jesus critiquing them?

In verse 25, what 'things' is Jesus referring to? How do children accept them more readily than the 'wise and understanding'?

What kind of rest is Jesus referring to in verse 28?

How is the yoke of Jesus easy (v. 29-30) when he just told his disciples in chapter 10 that they would suffer persecution?

How can you begin to prepare now to withstand doubt and criticism at a later time?

Please spend a few minutes praying for those you know who are currently wrestling with doubt and unbelief. Pray for our church to be a place where questions are not rejected and the truth is sought in Christ.

Other observations/questions/reflections on the text: