

September 27, 2020 – Sermon Questions

Opinion / Belief / Convictions

John 17:20-21 & 23, Philippians 2:3-5, Philippians 2: 14-15, Philippians 3:1-2

1. Last week learned that intimacy with God requires experiences together and raw honesty. How were you able to pursue a deeper intimacy with God in the last week?
2. Read John 17: 20-23, when Jesus prays for the church in these verses what specifically does He pray for?
3. Paul touches on unity in the church many times in his letters to the Philippians. As a group compare Philippians 2:14-15 and Philippians 3:1-2. How did Paul's tone change?
4. According to the "How Much Should I Care Chart", the "opinions" bracket falls between the numeric values of 0-30 on the far-left side. The example that Matt used for a loosely held opinion was that Conan's Pizza is the best pizza. Are there opinions in which you hold on to tightly?
5. On this same chart, "beliefs" hit the numeric value between 31-90 for which Matt uses a calculator to represent reason, logic, information and research. This largest point spread on the scale signifies that we have many different topics that fall into this area, some weak with facts and some strong. Knowing that this can be a large area and that we can hold onto the wrong things with too tight of a grip, give an example of a "belief" in which you can relinquish your hold.
6. On the "How Much Should I Care Chart" our "convictions" hold the point bracket of 91-100. A noose represents this section because these are the few things for which we would give our life. Convictions define our lives, who we are and what we do with our lives. Do you have a conviction that you might need to evaluate and potentially re-categorize?
7. We must learn to navigate opinions, beliefs and convictions well as a church. We can be like Christ in all of life by constantly re-evaluating where we place issues on our personal "How Much Should I Care Chart". How will you utilize this chart in the future to be more like Christ in all of life?