

Nov 30, 2025 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group

"Walking Is Falling Properly " – Mark 3:7-11

1. Share a time in your life when you had a "Square Window" expectation (a grand, exciting plan for how things should go), but God gave you a "Round Window" reality (something mundane, repetitive, or "boring"). How did you initially react to that shift?
2. What are the modern equivalents that we "travel far" or "sacrifice greatly" for in our area, hoping they will fix our circumstances or give us life? (e.g., the perfect school district, the highly visible sought-after job, the travel sports team).
3. The crowd sought Jesus in a way that was described as "crushing Jesus down to size" to make Him a tool for their plans. What is the difference between coming to Jesus to *get* something from Him (Consumer) versus coming to Jesus to *be* with Him (Disciple)? How do we subtly treat prayer like a "vending machine" in the daily grind? Is it ok to honestly ask Jesus for things?
4. Why is it possible to have "right doctrine" and "correct religious behavior" but still be structurally and completely opposed to Jesus? How does this challenge the idea that faith is just about knowing the right facts?
5. How does knowing that Jesus absorbed the consequences of your sin change the way you handle the pressure of your daily life? How does His death and resurrection on your behalf inform your new life and help clarify what is important and all that is significant? If He has already taken the ultimate weight, what pressure do you no longer need to carry?
6. Sometimes Jesus feels "distant" or doesn't give us the immediate emotional experience we want. How might that "distance" actually be a mercy, forcing us to listen to His Word rather than just chasing a spiritual high?
7. Is there a specific "blueprint" or "schematic" for your life that you are currently trying to force into existence? What would it look like to practically lay that down this week and trust the design of the "Author and Perfecter of our faith," even if the view isn't what you planned?