

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

Sunday morning worship (Bible study)	9:30 AM
Sunday morning worship (Preaching)	10:30 AM
Sunday afternoon worship (Preaching).....	4:00 PM
Wednesday evening worship (Bible Study).....	7:00 PM

NEWS AND NOTES

SCHEDULE: The schedule for September is posted on the bulletin board so the men can see what their responsibilities are for the month.

SERVICE TIMES: Thankfully, we have been able to resume our normal schedule of assemblies.

STAYING IN: As a result of the seriousness of the Corona Virus some members may quarantine themselves for a time due to possible exposure, others due to underlying health issues or just precautionary. We respect their decisions.

SORROW: Today we are in sorrow, but not as those who have no hope 1Thess. 4:13. Friday afternoon about 3:00 George Humphries, our brother in Christ, passed from this life into eternity. He will be sorely missed by us and those in other congregations in this area because his seat will be empty 1Sam 20:18. His funeral will be at Spry Funeral Home in Russellville. Visitation will be from 1:00 – 2:00 with the funeral beginning at 2:00. There will be no grave-side service.

SICK AND SHUT-INS: Zola Basham continues to do well following hip surgery. Jack Elliott continues to do well following his heart ablation. Donna Criswell is under a lot of stress caring for her aunt, Nell Barrett, who is not doing well nor is Donna's brother-in-law. Telford Hamm's leg issues continue about the same, so no surgery for now. Remember Telford's brother and brother-in-law. Remember Jack's niece. Remember Nancy Summerford's mother who is in the last stages of Alzheimer's. Virgie Waddle continues to have good and bad days, but has been able to be at services some. Remember Virgie's sister-in-law, Jean Malone in the nursing home in Golden.

TEACHING EFFORTS: Our teaching bulletin, the **EASTSIDE EXAMINER**, was in the **Red Bay News** in July. Copies of this issue are on the table in the foyer for those who do not receive a paper. The next issue will be in October. These may also be used to give to a friend or neighbor. When these are depleted, more can be printed. There is also an ad in the local paper once a month offering a free Bible correspondence course. There are DVD copies of past TV programs available. The radio program on 95.5 FM at 10 AM each Sunday continues. Please pray that these efforts will reach people interested in studying God's word.

GOSPEL MEETINGS / SINGINGS: All the meetings that I knew about have been cancelled. If you know of meetings or singings in the area, please tell the one making announcements.

POINTS TO PONDER

- "Everyone's doing it", certainly doesn't prove it to be the right thing to do

THE EASTSIDE REMINDER

2Pet 1:12-15

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10 QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED

By Ryan Thomas

Whenever you sit down to read from the pages of the Bible, the word of God, you'll likely encounter many questions. Some of these will be questions you come up with on your own. Others will be questions asked by various human speakers or authors. However, some of the most interesting and thought-provoking questions have come to us from the Lord Himself. So, in this short lesson, I'm going to discuss ten questions Jesus asked while on earth and how they apply to us today.

(1) Who Do You Say I Am? During the time that Jesus walked on earth many were confused as to His identity. Opinions of men varied widely. Some said He was Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. However, Jesus got down to the nitty gritty when He asked His apostles, "But whom say ye that I am?" Peter answered correctly when he said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:13-16). Do you believe in who the scriptures say Jesus is (Jhn. 6:14; 7:12; 8:24)?

(2) Do You Believe? The death of Jesus' dear friend Lazarus prompted Him to ask this question to his sister Martha (Jhn. 11:26). Many people, even some Christians, are plagued by unbelief (Heb. 3:12; Lk. 18:8). However, this must be overcome to receive our heavenly reward (Heb. 11:6).

(3) What Is A Man Profited? One of the biggest obstacles for some people in obeying the gospel is the desire for earthly wealth. Knowing this led Jesus to ask, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and

lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt. 16:26) By the way, where is your treasure located (Matt. 6:19-21)?

(4) Have Ye Not Read? When questioned about marriage and divorce, Jesus simply responded with this question (Matt. 19:4). In other words, if they had been reading their Bibles, they would have known the answer. We can easily see that daily scripture reading and meditation is an integral part of living the Christian life (Acts 17:11; 1Tim. 4:13; Rev. 1:3; Isa. 34:16a).

(5) John's Baptism, Whence Was It? On one occasion, the opponents of Jesus angrily confronted Him over the source of His authority. The Lord calmly responded with a simple question regarding the baptism of John. From whence was it—from heaven or of men (Matt. 21:23-27)? After some consideration, the Pharisees decided it was not worth risking a response lest their hypocrisy be exposed. By the way, where does your church get its religious authority from?

(6) Will You Also Go Away? After accumulating an enormous number of followers Jesus decided to thin the ranks a bit. This He did simply by cutting off the supply chain of free food. The sudden en masse departure of so many disciples at one time caused the Lord to ask His own apostles if they too would go away. Peter responded, "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." (Jhn. 6:68) If you've ever thought about leaving the Lord, don't!

(7) Why Did You Doubt? This question was asked by the Lord to the apostle Peter after he attempted to walk toward Him on the water, but began abruptly to sink (Matt. 14:25-31). The reason for his sinking was fear and lack of faith. These can cause even a good man like Peter to waver as James talked about when he said one time, "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." (Jas. 1:8)

(8) Why Are You Afraid? An even earlier situation occurred on the sea when Jesus and His disciples were together in a boat. A violent storm arose while Jesus was sleeping causing the disciples to panic. They awakened Jesus and the question He immediately asked them was, "Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?" (Matt. 8:26) This was followed by a great calm. When the storms of life arise in our world the faith we possess in God will likewise have a great calming effect. Are your faith and fear under control (Heb. 13:5-6; Prov. 29:25)?

(9) Do You Want To Be Healed? This was the question Jesus asked a man who had lived as a cripple for 38 years. We are introduced to the man as he lay agonizingly close to

the very waters which could have brought an end to his suffering (Jhn. 5:6). The Pool of Bethesda, as it was called, in the city of Jerusalem was the location where an angel occasionally stirred the waters offering relief to the first person that managed to reach them. Since this man's condition had left him immobile, it seemed his case was hopeless. However, with the help of Jesus he was instantly cured and was told to take up his bed and walk (Jhn. 5:8). With a desire to be healed, Jesus can cure all of our soul's diseases.

(10) Do You Love Me? This question was asked to Peter three times in a row and each time the answer he responded with was "Yes, Lord." (Jhn. 21:15-17) Perhaps the reason He asked three times was because Peter had denied Him three times. In any case, the biggest responsibility anyone has is to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, and mind (Matt. 22:37-38). You know, most people claim to love the Lord, but how do we know for sure? Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." (Jhn. 14:15) John echoed that sentiment when he stated, "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments." (1Jhn. 2:3) In Christianity, the proof is in the doing (Matt. 7:21).

VISITING AND HOSPITALITY ...

By Edward O. Bragwell, Sr.

There are two Bible words that over the years have been weakened somewhat – "visit" and "hospitality." The general idea of "visit" today is simply go call on one for a chit chat. "Hospitality" is usually thought of as inviting one into your home to enjoy each other's company. Nothing wrong with these concepts or actions, as far as they go.

However, the "visiting" and "hospitality" commanded of Christians have a much deeper application in the Scriptures. The concept of service to one another is embedded in both these words in the New Testament. The idea of "visiting" is to go see or inspect another for the purpose of providing for his comfort and needs. The idea of "hospitality" is that of inviting another unto oneself for the purpose of providing for his comfort and needs. Both have the same objective – comfort and service.

Some who consider themselves great at visiting and hospitality are nothing more than just social butterflies. Little or no real needed service is provided.

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