

Discipleship

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Gathering

- Reflect and respond to the following, “If I were to be with Jesus face-to-face, I would ask Jesus...”
- Read: Luke 20:27-38.

Discussion

- What do you already know about the Sadducees?
 - [They were the religious elite who derived much of their power and influence through the Temple. Sticking mostly with the Torah, the first five books of the Hebrew Bible, they did not believe in resurrection, as is pointed out in Luke 20:27. This is one of the distinguishing marks between the Sadducees and the Pharisees, who did believe in resurrection.]
- Why is the Sadducees’ question to Jesus a trick question?
- How would you summarize Jesus’ answer to the Sadducees’ trick question?
- Why would it be important for Jesus to quote from Moses to the Sadducees?
- What might we learn from Jesus when it comes to dealing with those who seem to be on opposite sides of an issue?
- How might you respond the next time someone is hostile?
- How might you respond to someone who is open to hearing about your faith?

Prayer and Sending Forth

- If studying with a group, share prayer requests and praise reports as well as those on the church prayer list. If studying on your own, take time to pray for those on our church prayer list and lift up your own prayer concerns to the Lord.
- Consider praying the following or a similar prayer: God of resurrection and new life, we give you praise for how you continue to abide with us and empower us to be more than we can imagine. Give us the courage to trust that you can and will use us to invite others into your kingdom. May we walk both with humility and boldness in your Spirit this week. Amen.