

PG often encouraged us as disciples to ASK QUESTIONS!

I remember him often saying: *You need to ask questions b/c one day when you are out and people ask you questions or even challenge you... you saying "b/c Pastor Mitchell said" isn't going to be enough-*

I want to minister to you about the importance of asking questions.

Mark 9:30-32

30 They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know,

31 for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

32 But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

I FEAR OF ASKING:

A- One of the difficulties with many men is this Resistance to Asking Questions!

1. We often joke about it: Men don't ask for directions... they don't ask for help (From anyone... They don't need instructions-

2. But in reality; WE ALL NEED HELP IN LIFE

a. Old Quote: *Learn from the mistakes of others — you can't live long enough to make them all yourself.*

3. For many the reason they DO NOT ask questions comes back to FEAR-

a. **Mark 9:32** *But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.*

i. The greek word here is PHOBOS/PHOBEO... We get our word Phobia-

b. We understand that fear PARALYZES/freezes; In this context- It stops questions!

B- Q; What are some FEARS men can have with asking questions?

1. Fear the OPINIONS of People: WHAT WILL PEOPLE THINK?

a. What will Pastor think? YOU DONT KNOW THAT?

b. What will brethren think? ...YOU DUMB...

c. *Funny the way scripture flows: They are afraid to ask questions, but along the road they're arguing who's the greatest...*

2. Fear REJECTION: If I ask questions then- People wont have confidence in me and reject me... Pastor will look over to someone else and reject me... The guys will mock me...

3. Fear RESPONSIBILITY: Text; Jesus is talking about the cross, about dying, and resurrecting... Gods Will-

a. Some don't ask questions because that means they will be responsible to the answer... They are accountable to it

b. What Jesus described didn't sound secure, easy, enjoyable... So they were afraid to ask-

i. It didn't fit in with their plan/ideas for the future.

c. Often the struggle with calling: Guys ask *how do you know, how do you really know, how are you really sure-*

II BENEFITS OF ASKING

A- Truth is: The disciples often learned the most WHEN THEY ASKED QUESTIONS!

1. Again in the flow of scripture: the events before this ended with a question-

a. **Mark 9:28-29** *And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" 29 And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."* Here is a lesson on spiritual power & authority-

b. They asked at the feeding of 5,000 *What are these among so many?! ...Can you Teach us to pray?... etc.*

B- Think about some of the benefits of Asking Questions:

1. Information: Your going to get Facts/Advice/Understanding that will be beneficial.

a. Your going to have notes/keys of wisdom/sayings... Helpful information that will make you sound smart!

b. So; We need that... We need to know things/about things.

2. Impartation: Words are the way we transfer WHO we are.

a. **John 6:63** *It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.*

PM has said for years: Your words are SPIRITS... Your words carry your spirit.

b. So, When we ask; not only are we getting information, but also an IMPARTATION of who our Pastor is-

i. **2 Kings 2:9** *When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me."* Thats what we need-

c. How do you get your Pastors spirit in you? Words... Preach/Sunday School/SM/QUESTIONS!

3. Revelation: Gods design for the church is a Pastor: **Heb 13:17** *Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account.*

a. When we fall in line w Gods design, He blesses that... If theres a lack of revelation, what is your relationship with headship?

III AIMING TO ASK QUESTIONS

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1. You are going to have to HUMBLE yourself: Your going to have to be willing to acknowledge that you don't know everything!
THATS OK-

a. Quote: Asking for help is not a sign of Weakness, its a sign of WISDOM-

i. **James 4:6** *God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.*

2. You are going to have to be a thinker: Questions require a thought process. *What don't i know, what do I want to know-*

3. Your going to have to dedicate yourself to questions: For some, they get out and STOP asking.

CHALLENGE: Come to this table with questions... PG avails himself to us... Men all over the world would give so much to have this opportunity!