

Weekly Discussion Guide – 03-01-26

“Domesticating the Divine”

Text: Luke 4:14-33

1. How would you explain the difference between being familiar with Jesus and revering Him? Give a personal example of one of these.
2. In Luke 4 Jesus resists being who Nazareth expects. How would you like to respond when Jesus challenges our expectations or comforts? How do you typically respond?
3. We also see the Nazarenes trying to “domesticate” Jesus. Where have you seen that happen in your own life?
4. Read Luke 10:38-42. What about this story shows that Mary is familiar with Jesus? What about this story shows that Mary reveres Jesus? What about Mary do you want to emulate in your own life?
5. When God blesses or heals or welcomes “outsiders” in Scripture (Elijah, Elisha, Gentiles), people sometimes react with anger or jealousy. What do you think that says about God’s love? And what do you think that says about human nature?
6. What practices have helped you move from casual familiarity to genuine awe of God? What practices have helped you move from only revering God to being familiar with Him?
7. As a next step, name one concrete habit (reading, silence, service, worship, etc.) you will adopt this week to cultivate both reverence and relationship with God? As an added challenge, would you like to connect with someone in your group to hold you accountable to that?