

Sermon Notes – Tough Question Sunday

1. *There is song about the Bible being like a deck of cards. I know some churches don't believe you should play cards. Is that song accurate?*

- A. Is playing cards wrong? No. Don't gamble your life away.
- B. Is this song accurate? Yes and No. It is accurate that there is one God, two parts of the Bible, and so on... But it appears that at the end when the singer says, "I knew that soldier" that he probably didn't. This story existed almost 200 years before T Texas Tyler claimed it as a song. It probably never actually happened.
- C. Finally, is it a good idea to describe the Bible with a deck of cards? It is good to find ways to let common, every day things remind you of God. Think of communion. It is bread and drink. Something you may have every day.

2. *The Bible teaches us that in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven we must become like little children. What does that mean?*

The story is found in Matthew 18, Mark 10, and Luke 18. And it's interesting to see what stories are around it. What is Jesus trying to get across?

Anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it. – Mark 10:15

Jesus does not live in the pages of the Bible. Jesus lives...

What Jesus wants is really, really simple. He wants you to follow Him. Here's the question. Where is He going today?

What broken thing did Jesus ask you to fix today? What's stopping you today? A little child wants to please his or her father. They don't worry so much about what they might lose.

3. *If everything happens for a reason, what are we supposed to do when we don't know or understand that reason?*

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.– Romans 8:28

The Bible doesn't exactly say, "Everything happens for a reason." We live in a broken world. People don't always get cancer for a reason. Young children don't always die for a reason.

But when things are broken, there is a chance for someone to help. Whenever people forget about their own issues, and instead get out and help someone else, then you are closer and closer to the Kingdom of Heaven.

4. *How are we to act when God says no?*

How do you expect your child to act when you tell him "No"? You expect him to be sad, but you hope he understands that you see a bigger picture and you want what's best for him, and in this instance, what's best is to say "No."

So you aren't supposed to be happy God said "No" to your request. But you are supposed to trust Him that He knows what is best.

5. *We go to A LOT of Catholic weddings. Priests are not supposed to be married right? How can a Priest talk to a couple about marriage and what it takes to have a healthy and strong marriage when they have no idea what it is like to be married?*

A mature, experienced person can counsel you on many things that he or she hasn't experienced.