

While we were Sleeping.

***Do you feel that Christianity is declining or feel it is on the rise?**

(Explain your answer)

***Last year there were less missionaries than there was in the past 20 years, Why do you think that is happening?**

***Last year 4,500 churches closed, and 2000 new Churches started up. Why do you think this is happening?**

***All these things that are happening to these other Churches could that happen to us?**

Matthew 28:18-20

***What did Jesus mean when He said all authority had been given to Him?**

***Who gave Him that authority?**

***In your own words, how would you describe the authority that Jesus gave the disciples?**

***As Christ followers, we're we given the same authority and what do you find most challenging about this assignment?**

***What "tools" are we given to aid us in accomplishing this task?**

***Are there other way we can do this task without going to other nations?**

***How are you submitting yourself to Jesus' authority?**

***Are you applying the authority Jesus has given you?**

***What promise did Jesus give the disciples?**

***What does it mean to be a disciple?**

***No passage of scripture is as strong in its explanation of conversion [as Ephesians 5:8]. How would you use Eph 5:8 as a metaphor for your own Christian life and journey with the Lord?**

Matthew 13:24-30

***Who is the man who sowed good seed in this parable?**

***Who is the enemy?**

***Who or what do the weeds represent?**

***Why is the pulling of the weeds delayed?**

***What does this teach us about God?**

***What does this teach us about people?**

***What does this teach us about Satan?**

***Is there a warning here for us? If so, what?**

- *Is it our job to judge/predict who we think is the weed?
- *What is the difference between the real seed and the weed?
- *Why would an enemy want to destroy this man's wheat?
- *How is the householder to distinguish between the wheat and the tares?
- *Do we see the wheat in people or the tares?
- *How can we do a better job of seeing only the wheat?

Matthew 5:14-16

What did Jesus mean when he called his followers salt?

What does Jesus imply when he says salt that loses its saltiness is useless?

How can a Christian lose his or her saltiness?

How are Jesus's followers to be like light?

What kinds of behavior should other people see Christians exhibiting?

How might a Christian hide their light?

If Christians live as they are supposed to, how will others respond?

What specific behaviors mark the lifestyle of a salty, shining Christian?

APPLY: In light of this passage, how do you need to view yourself as an influencer?

Romans 1:8

*What do we need to do for our faith to be talked about?

*What is being talked about?

Luke 11:17

*Why do kingdoms become divided?

*Why do Churches become divided?

*What can we do to stop it?

(Refer to the last Beatitude)

1 John 3:8

Romans 1:16

Romans 10:14

Romans 8:11