



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

John Brown || Pastor Brian Zahnd || September 6, 2020

1. Did you play hide and seek as a kid? If so, were you a better hider or a better seeker?
2. “John Brown” is a rather obscure Bob Dylan song. What is your favorite Dylan song?
3. In the song “John Brown,” John has his eyes opened before going blind. Consider the following lyrics.
Well, I thought when I was there / Lord, what am I doing here? / Tryin' to kill somebody or die tryin' / But the thing that scared me most / Was when my enemy came close / I could see that his face looked just like mine / And I couldn't help but think ? Through the thunder rolling and stink / I was just a puppet in a play
What did John begin to see that he hadn't seen before?

Read John 12:44-50

4. Jesus said, “Whoever sees me sees him who sent me.” What does this say to you about the relationship between God the Father and God the Son?
5. What has Jesus as the light of the world illuminated for you? What do you see these days about God, the world, or your own life, that you didn't see before?
6. Jesus said, “The word that I have spoken will serve as judge.” How do you imagine judgment going down on the last day?
7. Why is it important to understand the Old Testament story if we are going to understand the “big gospel story” of Jesus and his reign?
8. Why did God give Israel a king, when he desired to be their king all along?
9. How does the coming of Jesus' kingdom look different from all the kingdoms of this world?
10. Pastor Brian said, “The gospel invites us into a kingdom of grace, forgiveness, peace, and love.” Which of these four elements do you need to lean into the most this week?