



The definition of zeal is "great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or an objective". Can you describe a time or experience in your life where you had zeal for something? How did it make you feel?

In what ways do you think zeal for God's presence can reveal itself in our lives?

Read Matt 13:44-46, Matt 16:24-25, Matt 22:37-40, Acts 20:22-24

What do these verses teach us about the value of following Jesus?

How would you describe the level of commitment required by these verses?

Zeal in Christianity is a burning desire to experience God's presence, to please God, to do His will, and to advance His glory in the world in every possible way. God wants an enthusiastic response to His love for us.

The opposite of zeal is a heart that is apathetic. Sometimes we refer to this as being lukewarm.

Read the following verses. What specific behaviors can you pull from each of these passages that could be described as lukewarm? How does God want us to respond in each case?

Isaiah 29:13

Luke 21:1-4

Matthew 23:5-7

Matthew 10:32-33

Luke 9:57-62

Matthew 5:43-47

Philippians 3:18-20

Which of these were most challenging to you, and why?

Christ's call to commitment is clear - he wants all or nothing. How does this knowledge impact the way we should lead our daily lives? Our church life?

Sometimes the distractions of life pull us away from the full commitment that Christ wants from us. But other times fear is the culprit. In what ways do you find yourself hesitant or afraid to go "all in" for Christ?

Read 2 Timothy 1:7 and Isaiah 41:10.

What does God say about fear in these verses?

What steps could you take to become more courageous in the areas discussed above?

Think about your zeal today as compared with a week ago, a month ago, a year ago. Is it cooling down or warming up? If it has been cooling down, pray this week and ask God to rekindle and multiply your zeal for Him and for His house.