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Matthew 11:1-19

1. We are to _____ by example.
2. An occasional doubt or occasional stumble does not _____ us from being God's children.
3. Look at the _____. What God is doing is _____ than what he is not doing.
4. Lean into Jesus _____.
5. Don't try and _____ Jesus. Let him _____ you.

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Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. Reread Matthew 11:2-6.
 - Why do you think John asked this since he had already stated who Jesus was in John 1:29?
 - Was he having doubts? A change of heart?
 - What can we learn from Jesus' answer? Why didn't he give a simple "yes" or "no?"
3. What are some major causes of doubt? Do you ever have doubts or questions about what God does or doesn't do? Read James 1:6
4. When it comes to God's care and provision for us, why do we often focus on what he is not doing instead of what he is doing?
5. Comment on the following statement: Even when God is not doing everything that we think he should do, he is still doing something that we need him to do.
6. When we are facing trials and difficulties, it is easy to focus our energies there. Why is it important to lean into Jesus even more in those circumstances? Why is it important to lean into Jesus when he is not doing what we want him to do for us?
7. How is it that people try to change Jesus? Give some examples.
 - Do you try and change him? If so, how?
 - How does allowing him to change us change our perspectives?

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Matthew 11:1-19) and this week's message.

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what he has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?