

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTION

TO THE FULL: WEEK 2

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to southeastchristian.org to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

Make a list of things that might be described as weak (i.e. weak knees or weak coffee). Is there any time when weakness is seen as a positive thing? Why do you think weakness has such a negative connotation in our world? Why is it that we want everything – including ourselves! – to be strong?

Read 2 Corinthians 2:9-10. God said, “My power is made perfect in weakness.” If left to our own devices, how would we end the sentence: My power is made perfect in _____? If we were being honest, what would we say are some of our sources of strength? Why do we think we can find power in these places?

How do our strengths trick us into thinking that we can do life on our own? How do our weaknesses expose the foolishness of that belief? In what ways have your weaknesses created more room for God’s strength in your life?

Read John 1:19-28; 3:27-30. Do you think John the Baptist was ever tempted to overstate his importance? How would you have responded had you been in his situation? Why are we so quick to exaggerate our identity? What can we learn from John’s example here?

John the Baptist only spoke of his identity in relation to Jesus. What were some of the ways he described himself? What are some words/phrases you would use to describe your own life in relation to Jesus? What difference would it make if these words came to define you more?

Kyle reminded us that Jesus came in weakness because He came for weak people. How does Christmas remind us of this truth? What are some practical ways you can reach out and encourage those the world sees as “weak” with the hope of Christmas?