

WHEN THINGS GET T XIC

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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IN CHURCH

BIG IDEA: There are biblical reasons to walk away from a church, and there are permissible reasons to walk away from a church. Whether we walk away is a matter of discernment and obedience.

1. What was your major take away from this message?
2. When did you come to understand the 'Gospel'?
3. What are the essentials of the Gospel? How do you understand the broad and narrow aspects of it?
4. What about matters of ecclesiology (doctrine of the church) and eschatology (doctrine of the future)? How essential are they?
5. How do we draw the line between what's essential and what's important? How do we avoid majoring in the minors?
6. Have you ever experienced a toxic leadership culture? What made it toxic? What lessons did you learn?
7. What can we do about church hopping? How does it damage the Church (big c) of Jesus?
8. Many people leave churches for no 'biblical' reason. In light of Craig's challenge to preserve the unity of the church, what makes such leaving wrong?
9. While differences on the details about the sacraments exist, the essential nature is uncontested. How were the sacraments of baptism and communion celebrated in your childhood (if at all)? What significance did they have for you?

KEY VERSES

Acts 1:4-8 • Phil. 3:17-20 • 1 Peter 2: 12-17