

Ask The Pastor



Question: What are you going to do?

Following our first town hall, I have had several people ask me questions. Some of the questions will be answered in our revised question-and-answer document that will be out. But some were more theological or Scriptural in nature. It dawned on me that some of you may have similar questions, but you are not sure who to ask. So, I thought it would be good to have an avenue for people to ask such questions, thus "Ask The Pastor". If you have a question you would like to ask, simply send me an email with your question and I will do my best to give you an answer. If your question can be answered from different viewpoints, then I will give you those different viewpoints.

One question that I have been asked numerous times, and I addressed it at the town hall meeting, is "What are you going to do?" As I mentioned, I will not address what Shawn and I will be doing until after the church votes. I want those who plan on voting to read the documents, ask questions, pray about it, and vote your conscience. I realize that as a Pastor, I have a lot of influence. Some may be tempted to simply go along with what I desire and not seek God direction for themselves.

In reality, all of us have influence. The question I hope you are asking yourself is how you are using your influence. Some may be tempted to tell people how they may be voting or what they will do if the vote does not go the way they wish. Let me ask you, "Why are you sharing that?" Are you hoping to enter into a meaningful conversation with someone or simply sharing in order to convince them to vote the way you are?

I have found that when we start trying to convince others, we end up picking sides and it becomes "us versus them". We are better than that. We are the body of Christ, so let's be sure we behave as the body of Christ. Let me encourage you to have meaningful conversations with people but keep how you are planning to vote between you and God. Let's move through this process with prayer, fasting, and seeking God while we continue to love each other.

In His Grace,
Pastor Jim