



INTRODUCTION:

Unsubscribe from the live feed of peoples opinion about you.

What you think about me is none of my business. We are too preoccupied with people's opinion about us. We're afraid to disappoint, afraid to be criticized, afraid of being misunderstood or misjudged. We rely too heavily on people's approval, validation and acceptance. It's time to unsubscribe...people will always have opinions, thoughts, perspectives and desires. Don't let that govern your life; instead be led by the Spirit in all you say and do.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out most to you from this week's conversation entitled "Unsubscribe"?
2. In light of the notion that we can be highly impacted by the opinions of others, talk about a time when external influences caused you to second guess yourself or a decision.
3. In Mathew 16:13-20 we noticed that when Jesus ask what others are saying about Him, He does not respond to the inaccuracies. Talk about why you think that is, and discuss how well you're able to do this also.
4. Paul mentions in 1 Corinthians 4 that he cares very little about external judgment and even his own judgment of himself. Why do you believe he makes that statement? Also, talk a bit about how the judgment of others can impact how you view and judge yourself.
5. In Mathew 11:16-19, Jesus makes a very important statement about His generation. What do you think he meant by what he said, and in what ways does that statement ring true in this generation?
6. The story of the old prophet and the young prophet found in 1 Kings 13 is a heartbreaking one to read. Discuss the major point that this story is intended to make. Reflect and discuss times when you've been in the role of the young prophet and why.

NEXT STEPS

Meditate on Proverbs 3:5-6 and thank God for His promise to lead and direct you. In your quiet space, ask God to show you any areas in your life where you are leaning too heavily into the opinions of others at the expense of His direction. As you are made aware of these areas, do not fall into condemnation or morbid introspection. Instead, celebrate the graciousness of God as he gently ushers you into a process of recalibrating your existence toward His voice, and not the opinions and insinuations of others! Don't forget to complete your weekly journaling and to check out the "Expert Roundup". All of these resources can be found at www.geremydixon.com

