

World Changers
“Dietrich Bonhoeffer”
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3 World Changer Questions

1. Have I Fully Surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus ?

²³ Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
Matthew 7:23

¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.
John 15:12-13

*“The Church is Jesus Christ existing as community.
The church is only the church when it exists for others. It must share in
the secular problems of ordinary life. And it must tell men of every
calling what it means to live in Christ.”*
Dietrich Bonhoeffer
(Ethics)

*“Because Jesus is the Christ, he has the authority to call and to demand
obedience to his word. Jesus summons men to follow him not as a
teacher or a pattern of the good life, but as the Christ, the Son of God.”*
Dietrich Bonhoeffer
(Cost of Discipleship, p.61)

2. Do I Have the courage to stand for What is Right?

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.
Matthew 5:9

*“I shall have no right to participate in the reconstruction of Christian
life in Germany after the war if I do not share the trials of this time with
my people. . . Christians in Germany will face the terrible alternative of
either willing the defeat of their nation in order that Christian
civilization may survive, or willing the victory of their nation and
thereby destroying our civilization. I know which of these alternatives I
must choose; but I cannot make this choice in security.”*
Dietrich Bonhoeffer
(letter to Reinhold Niebuhr, Summer 1939)

3. Am I Willing to die Even If I Never See My Calling Realized?

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

Matthew 16:24
(see also: Matthew 10:38; Mark 8:34)

“When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.”
Dietrich Bonhoeffer
(The Cost of Discipleship, p.99)

“This is the end. For me, the beginning of life.”
Dietrich Bonhoeffer
(last words April 9, 1945)

Discussion Questions

1. What was your “take-away” from the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer? Why did this stand out to you?
2. Of the three questions Pastor Shawn said “World Changers” ask themselves, which one(s) are you having most success? Which one(s) do you need to work on? How might your Group help you?
3. Would you say that Jesus is truly “Lord of your life?” Why? What evidence can you point to in your life to back up this claim?
4. Write down your “calling,” the thing you have courage to fight for even if it means death. How is your “calling” going to help you fulfill the Great Commission? Be as specific as you can and then share it with your group or leadership at the church.