

Discussion Questions

Session Four: Applying Law and Gospel

ANALYZE

God's Word is powerful. His Word of Law and His Word of Gospel, however, each produce quite different results. For this reason, it is important that each is applied properly, at the right time, in the right amount, and in the right order.

Considering the above, what comfort do you take in knowing that God Himself has appointed and ordained ministers of Word and Sacrament?

Christians not only hear Law and Gospel proclaimed by their pastor, they also communicate each in conversation with friends and neighbors. In the light of questions 36 and 37, what important considerations will affect an individual's application of Law and Gospel? Why?

APPLICATION

Our God is a gracious God. Not only has He revealed Himself in Scripture, but He has appointed pastors to proclaim His Word faithfully. Through them He applies His Gospel not only by means of the spoken Word but also through the means of Baptism and Holy Communion. A gracious God indeed!

How might you respond to a Christian friend who believes that regular worship attendance is unnecessary? How might you explain the benefits of frequent worship?