

Small Group Lesson and Bible Study Questions: Week of February 22, 2010

Getting to Know You

1. Have you ever been really lost...I mean really lost? What was that like?
2. What is your general response when you discover you are lost?
 - a.) Pull over and ask for directions?
 - b.) Keep driving around until something looks familiar?
 - c.) Go to Best Buy for a GPS

Getting into the Scripture

1. Read Psalm 91: 1-2. Really think about what these verses say and then answer; “How can I know that the Lord is my fortress?”
2. Pastor Sam talked Sunday about the universal cry in our hearts. “Are we there yet?” We ask it as children, then in more grown up ways as we long for something to change. Can you think of instances in the Bible where someone was longing for change? Were their actions pleasing to God?
3. Like sticking our warm tongue to a frozen flag pole, sometimes our own actions lead to pain. Going back through Deuteronomy 26: 1-11, and looking over your sermon notes, can you recall some of the steps to deliverance? If you can't remember, re-read the text and see what you think.
4. Sometimes believing or having faith is difficult. Consider this, it is by faith that we are saved, and salvation is the single most important thing to God. To accomplish this, he trusts in our puny faith! Romans 10:9 should encourage you. Read it and then put it in your own words. Do the same with Galatians 2: 8-9.
5. In Luke 4: 1-13, Jesus does battle with Satan in the desert. How does Jesus overcome Satan? Can you see a connection between Romans 10:9 and what Jesus does? What is the connection? Can we do as Jesus did?
6. Finally, consider this. In our faith, we believe and obey and even declare the truth of God's word. Especially when are asking, “Are we there yet?” we have to keep this practice alive. But an important question; Where is “there”? Where can we find God's deliverance and peace? What is the destination of our lives? (Hint: Deuteronomy 26: 2b, Psalm 91: 1-2)

@ The End of the Day

1. The sermon used 5 words to describe the journey to the “promised land” of peace with God. If you had to rank them, which one of the following is toughest for you: believing, obeying, going, declaring, bowing? Now take that struggle to the Lord in prayer and ask, in faith, for his help.

“You Can’t Get There from Here...”

Deut. 26: 1-11

Common to human experience from the wanderings of Israel in the desert, to the kids in the backseat. “Are we there yet?” is the cry of our hearts. How many times have you asked God, “How much longer?” ...or “Will I ever...?” In the giving of the Law in Deuteronomy, we find a powerful passage that gives us an answer to this heart cry.

I. _____ (26:1)

- “When you have entered...” = a Faith Statement
- God is faithful and I will be delivered from...
- God is faithful and I will be delivered to...

II. _____ (26:2)

- Obedience to the simple command of God
- You must take responsibility for you, can’t control others

III. _____ (26:2b)

- “...go to the place...God will choose as a dwelling for his Name...”
- The tabernacle, the Temple, where is that now? The church?
- Facilitated by the church and its teaching, but now...Psalm 91: 1-2!

IV. _____ (26:3, 5-10)

- What we declare matters! (Romans 10:9, Luke 4: 1-13)
- (26: 8-10) Proclaim God’s deliverance and stand on it for the future!

V. _____ (26: 10b)

- Worship with Thanksgiving
- For what God has done, and what He is yet to do!

Close: You can get there from here. We can feel trapped, but here is the way out.

Where is the promised land? Psalm 91: 1-2, Dwelling with God