

SERMON GUIDE

A SACRED TRUST – 9/20

HOW TO USE THIS:

AFTER EXPERIENCING THE SERMON, TAKE SOME TIME TO INTERACT WITH THESE ELEMENTS. YOU CAN USE THE SERMON GUIDE FOR PERSONAL STUDY, DISCUSSION WITH A FRIEND, OR DEVOTIONAL TIME AS A FAMILY. THERE ARE RECOMMENDED SONGS TO LISTEN TO, BIBLE VERSES TO READ, AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER. THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, FIND A PLACE TO REFLECT AND JOURNAL AS YOU LOOK AT GOD EACH DAY.

BIBLE VERSES

- EPHESIANS 2:10
- 1 PETER 4:10
- ROMANS 12:3–8
- 1 CORINTHIANS 12:27
- MATTHEW 28:18–20
- EPHESIANS 4:16
- JOHN 20:21

WORSHIP TIME

LISTEN TO THE SONG "GOD I'M JUST GRATEFUL" BY ELEVATION WORSHIP. ANOTHER GREAT SONG IS CALLED "BUILD MY LIFE" BY PAT BARRETT. FIND THESE SONGS AND MAKE SOME INTENTIONAL TIME TO WORSHIP THIS WEEK.

MEMORY VERSE

FOR THIS WEEK, OUR GOAL IS TO MEMORIZE THE FOLLOWING VERSE FROM THE BIBLE :
EPHESIANS 2:10

SERMON SUMMARY

IN A SACRED TRUST, WE ARE REMINDED THAT EVERY FOLLOWER OF JESUS HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH A PART TO PLAY. GOD HAS PREPARED GOOD WORK FOR US TO DO, AND HIS GRACE NOT ONLY GIVES US A NEW PAST BUT ALSO A NEW FUTURE AND PURPOSE. THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT, GOD GIVES EACH OF US GIFTS—PARTICULAR WAYS HE EQUIPS US TO SERVE OTHERS LIKE JESUS—AND THOSE GIFTS ARE MEANT TO WORK TOGETHER AS EACH PART OF THE BODY DOES ITS WORK. DISCOVERING OUR GIFTS MEANS PAYING ATTENTION TO WHERE GOD HAS MADE US COME ALIVE AND WHERE HE CONSISTENTLY USES US TO BRING LIFE TO OTHERS, OFTEN WITH THE HELP OF PEOPLE WHO KNOW US WELL. BUT OUR GIFTS AREN'T MERELY SOMETHING TO DISCOVER; THEY ARE SOMETHING TO DEPLOY, AS WE SERVE ONE ANOTHER IN THE CHURCH AND SERVE THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH. WE DON'T HAVE TO PLAY EVERY PART, BUT EACH OF US HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH A PART TO PLAY.

PRAYER

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR US. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE LIFE AND FAITH YOU'VE GIVEN US TO SHARE. HELP US SERVE WITH OPEN HANDS AND WILLING HEARTS, TO GIVE OF OUR TIME, LIFT UP THOSE IN NEED, AND WALK ALONGSIDE THOSE AROUND US, SO THAT TOGETHER WE REFLECT YOUR LOVE AND POINT OTHERS TO YOU. THANK YOU, JESUS. AMEN.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. WHAT STOOD OUT TO YOU MOST ABOUT THE SERMON THIS SUNDAY?
2. READ ROMANS 12:3–8 AND 1 PETER 4:10. WHAT DO THESE PASSAGES TEACH US ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS—AND WHAT MIGHT WE MISS IF OUR MAIN TAKEAWAY IS SIMPLY, “I NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHAT MY GIFT IS”?
3. IF GOD HAS GIFTED US IN PARTICULAR WAYS, DOES THAT MEAN WE SHOULD ONLY SERVE WHERE WE FEEL GIFTED, EFFECTIVE, OR ENERGIZED? WHY MIGHT LOVE SOMETIMES CALL US TO DO SOMETHING ORDINARY, INCONVENIENT, OR OUTSIDE OUR GIFTING?
4. WHAT TENDS TO KEEP YOU FROM SERVING: FEELING UNQUALIFIED, BEING TOO BUSY, WAITING TO BE ASKED, BELIEVING SOMEONE ELSE WILL DO IT, WANTING THE “RIGHT” OPPORTUNITY, FEAR OF COMMITMENT, OR SOMETHING ELSE? WHAT MIGHT GOD WANT TO CHALLENGE IN THAT?
5. LOOK AROUND OUR CHURCH: WHAT NEEDS HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT SOMEONE COULD SIMPLY STEP INTO? WHERE MIGHT GOD BE ASKING YOU TO STOP NOTICING AND START SERVING?
6. WHAT IS ONE CONCRETE NEXT STEP YOU WILL TAKE? WILL YOU ASK SOMEONE, “WHERE DO YOU SEE GOD USING ME?” WILL YOU STEP INTO A NEED IN THE CHURCH? WILL YOU SERVE SOMEWHERE AS THE CHURCH? NAME THE STEP—AND WHEN YOU WILL TAKE IT.

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