

SERMON GUIDE

A SACRED TRUST – 8/30

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

- HAGGAI 1:1–6
- HAGGAI 1:7–11
- HAGGAI 1:12-15
- JOHN 2:19–21
- HAGGAI 2:3-9
- ROMANS 12:1-2
- 1 CHRONICLES 29:5,14
- ZEPHANIAH 3:16-18

WORSHIP TIME

LISTEN TO THE SONG "FIRM FOUNDATION" BY MAVERICK CITY. ANOTHER GREAT SONG IS CALLED "BUILD MY LIFE" BY PASSION. FIND THESE SONGS AND MAKE SOME INTENTIONAL TIME TO WORSHIP GOD THIS WEEK.

MEMORY VERSE

FOR THIS WEEK, OUR GOAL IS TO MEMORIZE THE FOLLOWING VERSE FROM THE BIBLE :
ROMANS 12:1-2

SERMON SUMMARY

IN HAGGAI'S DAY, GOD'S PEOPLE HAD NOT STOPPED BELIEVING IN HIM, BUT THEY HAD ALLOWED OTHER PRIORITIES TO PUSH GOD AND HIS HOUSE FROM THE CENTER OF THEIR LIVES. TODAY, BECAUSE OF CHRIST AND THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE ARE GOD'S TEMPLE—PEOPLE ENTRUSTED WITH HIS PRESENCE IN THE WORLD. THAT SACRED TRUST CALLS US TO REORDER OUR LIVES AROUND GOD'S WORTH, GIVING HIM NOT JUST A PLACE IN OUR LIVES BUT OUR FIRST AND BEST. THAT IS WHY WORSHIP IS ONE OF OUR CORE VALUES AS A CHURCH: WE WANT TO BE A PEOPLE WHOSE WHOLE LIVES DECLARE THE WORTH AND CENTRALITY OF JESUS. WORSHIP, THEN, IS FAR MORE THAN WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE CHURCH GATHERS; IT IS A WAY OF LIFE EXPRESSED THROUGH OUR TIME, PRIORITIES, RESOURCES, AND GENEROSITY. BECAUSE EVERYTHING COMES FROM GOD, EVERYTHING BELONGS TO GOD, AND IN JESUS GOD HAS GIVEN EVERYTHING FOR US, WE CAN LIVE AND GIVE WITH OPEN HANDS.

PRAYER

LORD JESUS, YOU ARE GOOD AND PROVIDE ALL THAT WE NEED. THROUGH EVERY SEASON AND EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE, WE CAN COME TO YOU WITH OUR BURDENS AND REQUESTS. HELP US TO SEE YOUR BLESSINGS AND PROMISES, AND HELP US TO POINT OTHERS TO SEE YOU AND TRUST YOU AS WELL. THANK YOU JESUS, AMEN.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. WHAT STOOD OUT TO YOU MOST ABOUT THE SERMON THIS SUNDAY?
2. IN HAGGAI 1, THE PEOPLE HAD NOT REJECTED GOD, YET HIS HOUSE HAD BECOME SECONDARY TO THEIR OWN PRIORITIES. WHAT DOES THIS REVEAL ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BELIEVING IN GOD AND ACTUALLY ORDERING OUR LIVES AROUND HIM?
3. WE DEFINED WORSHIP AS GIVING GOD THE HONOR, “WEIGHT,” AND FIRST PLACE THAT RIGHTLY BELONG TO HIM. HOW DOES THAT DEFINITION EXPAND WORSHIP BEYOND SINGING OR ATTENDING A WORSHIP SERVICE? WHAT AREAS OF LIFE BECOME ACTS OF WORSHIP WHEN WE UNDERSTAND IT THIS WAY?
4. CONSIDER THE STATEMENT: “JESUS IS FIRST. JESUS IS WORTHY. JESUS CAN BE TRUSTED.” WHICH OF THOSE THREE IS EASIEST FOR YOU TO AFFIRM INTELLECTUALLY BUT HARDEST TO LIVE OUT PRACTICALLY? WHY?
5. THIS WEEK, PRACTICE THE DAILY RHYTHM FROM THE MESSAGE: ACKNOWLEDGE GOD. PRAISE GOD. GIVE. CHOOSE A CONSISTENT TIME EACH DAY TO STOP, ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER, RESPOND TO HIM IN PRAISE, AND INTENTIONALLY GIVE SOMETHING HE HAS ENTRUSTED TO YOU—YOUR TIME, ATTENTION, ENCOURAGEMENT, HOSPITALITY, RESOURCES, OR MONEY.
6. PRAY THROUGH 1 CHRONICLES 29:5, 14 AND ASK GOD WHAT GENEROUS, OPEN-HANDED GIVING LOOKS LIKE FOR YOU RIGHT NOW. THEN RESPOND CONCRETELY—NOT BY COMPARING YOUR AMOUNT WITH SOMEONE ELSE'S, BUT BY GIVING AS AN ACT OF WORSHIP, GRATITUDE, AND CONSECRATION.

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