

Small Group Questions from Jan 21, 2018

Read Text: Judges 1:1-2:5

1. Discuss your overall reaction to the message from Sunday. Did anything “stick with you” throughout this past week?
2. We often struggle to understand God’s ways because we think God is exactly like us. How do we do this? Why is this unhelpful? How is God different from us? Why do we need to remember these differences?
3. Bob warned us not to think that our “moral sensitivities” are greater than God’s. How do we do this? Why is this dangerous? Are there times that you have been frustrated with God? How did you handle that frustration and was it right?
4. This text illustrates well that “incomplete obedience” is the same as disobedience. What does that mean? How are you prone to partial obedience of the Lord? Is there an area of your life that you have been partially obedient? What do you need to do to surrender fully to the Lord in that area of your life?
5. Bob pointed out that repentance is more than emotions and religious responses. Read 2 Corinthians 7:10-11. What is the difference between “worldly sorrow” and “Godly repentance”? How can we help one another strive for the latter and not the former?

Small Group Questions from Jan 14, 2018

Read Text: Judges 1.1; Joshua 1.1-5

1. Discuss your overall reaction to the message from Sunday. Did anything “stick with you” throughout this past week?
2. One of the major themes of the book of Joshua is that God always keeps His promises. How have you experienced this truth? How can this be an encouragement to you when it seems like God is not answering your prayers? Why might it be important to distinguish between God’s faithfulness to His promises, and our requests that He grant certain desires?
3. Bob spoke about the importance of addressing our own sin even as we confront the sin “out there.” What might this mean? Read Matthew 7:4-5. What does this verse teach us about dealing with our own sin? Why do we tend to reverse this order? What issues do you feel the Lord has been convincing you to address? What can you do to take action against those issues?
4. Another major theme in this book of the Bible is “courage.” What makes you afraid? How do you respond when you are afraid? How does the story of God’s faithfulness in Joshua encourage you? Read Romans 8:30-32. How can these verses be an encouragement to trust God? What can you do differently when you experience fear?
5. Joshua sets up the book of Judges by reminding us that the faithfulness of one generation does not guarantee the faithfulness of the next. How have you experienced this or seen it? What can we do as a church to ensure the future of our congregation? What can we do to help train up the next generation in the faith? What have you seen helpful and effective in discipling the next generation?