

Sermon Questions

Hebrews 11:30-40

This week we discussed the need to celebrate God when we recognize faithfulness in His servants. Often, when people are faithful, we celebrate them rather than the God who is working through them to make them faithful. At the end of chapter 11 in the book of Hebrews the author discusses some of God's faithful acts through His servants. Not only do we see that God is worthy of being celebrated but we also learn that each of His chosen servants is sinful and broken. The great encouragement for us is simply that if God was able to use sinful and broken people in the past then He is able to work through us today as well. As you listen to this week's message may you glorify God and celebrate His great work through people throughout history.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

The Celebration of Faith

Hebrews 11:30-40

Celebrate God when...

Justice and mercy triumph together (30-31)

Unique, broken, unlikely people are faithful (32-35a)

His faithful endure wicked treatment (35b-38)

Focusing on our future together with Christ (39-40)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it [HERE](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email info@bravechurch.online and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. Why is it important to celebrate both God's justice and mercy? Which are you most likely to celebrate? Why? How is the cross of Jesus Christ the culmination of God's justice and mercy?
2. How did God show His justice when the walls of Jericho fell? How did God show His mercy to Israel at Jericho? How did God show His mercy to Rahab and her family at Jericho?

3. How can you grow in your celebration of God's justice? How can you grow in your celebration of God's mercy?
4. How encouraging is it to know that God uses unlikely, broken and unique people for His kingdom agenda? Which Bible character was worthy for God to use? Who was perfect in the Bible other than Jesus?
5. Why do some people tend to glorify the heroes of the Bible without discussing their weaknesses? How is it refreshing to understand that all the heroes of faith had massive flaws and sins? How does that encourage you to continue to run your race?
6. How does God want to use your uniqueness for His glory? How might He choose to use your brokenness for His glory? Why is it that when we go through painful situations and trials, we can be more helpful to others?
7. If God wants to use your uniqueness and brokenness why are those the areas we often seem to hide? Have you ever considered that God helped design even the brokenness or uniqueness in your life for His glory? Why would it be helpful for you to stop comparing yourself to others and thank God for who He made you?
8. Why do Christians often endure wicked treatment? How has your life become difficult because of your faithfulness to Jesus Christ? How has your faith grown because of someone you have seen standing up for the faith in this world?
9. Why are some of the greatest saints who have ever lived anonymous? Why do most Christians prefer to be recognized rather than faithful? How might anonymity be an important reality as you consider your future?
10. Why is it helpful to consider our future when dealing with the challenges of this world? How does your hope grow when you fully realize that one day you will be in the presence of Christ with no pain and suffering? How does a future focus of the coming kingdom help you to celebrate God today?
11. What was your biggest take-a-way from this week's message? What do you need to apply right now in your life?