

Discussion/Reflection Questions

Sermon Series: Let the Earth Receive Her King

Sermon Title: God is With Us! Now What?

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-3,13:1-6

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ^[2] looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

^[3] Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Hebrews 13:1-6 (ESV)

[13:1] Let brotherly love continue. ^[2] Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ^[3] Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ^[4] Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ^[5] Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ^[6] So we can confidently say,

“The Lord is my helper;

I will not fear;

what can man do to me?”

Questions:

1. Have you ever experienced hostility because of your faith? How did you respond?
2. What “weight” or sin might be burdening you as you seek to run the race set before you?
3. Is your Christian life more focused on the couch or the road? Where might Jesus be calling you out of your comfort zone now?
4. What do you think of the summary of how we are to live in 13:1-5? Are those the actions or topics you would choose to highlight? Why or why not?
5. How are you content and generous? What keeps you from being more like that?
6. How does the promise in verse 6 (the Lord is my helper) impact you? Do you *really* believe that?

Prayer:

Read again through the benediction at the end of Hebrews (13:20-21) and make it your prayer:

Hebrews 13:20-21 (ESV)

^[20] Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ^[21] equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Do you believe in the God of peace? In resurrection? Open yourself up to what is pleasing in God’s sight; to doing his will. Ask for God’s equipping for your work for Him.