

Discussion Guide

Series: *To Be Continued...*, wk5 As for Me & My House...

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Big Idea

We are called to be faithful to God.



Icebreaker

We are nearing the end of July. Is there anything on your summer bucket-list that you need to prioritize; make plans for to ensure it happens? What is your next step?



Discussion Questions

1. The sermon opened with, and was all about, the attribute of “faithfulness”. As you consider this word, is there someone (another human & not the Sunday School answer of “Jesus/God”) who initially comes to mind that you would describe as faithful? Why would you describe them as such & to whom (or what) are they faithful? Are we sometimes more faithful to teams we support or places we work or organizations we are a part of than we are to the people around us or than we are to the Lord?
2. Read Joshua 24:14-15. This passage depicts what Joshua communicated to the people. In it, what choice is Joshua presenting the people with? What does it say to you about God in that He gives us a choice (as opposed to forcing us) regarding this? What are some of the implications of this individual choice?
3. Read Joshua 24:16-18. What was the people’s response to the choice Joshua was presenting them with? As you think of the setting in which Joshua presented this choice to the people and their response, do you think it is understandable that they responded the way in which they did and why? What would have been at play impacting their response? Do similar things come into play when we are called to action in a similar setting? What is the danger in this?
4. Now read Joshua 24:19-20. How confident, and why so, is Joshua that the people will follow through with action on their verbal commitment? Do you think Joshua’s pushing back on the people is warranted, or appropriate, and why do you think that? His pushing back could be seen as pessimism or realism. Which would you say it is and why? What are some other possible reactions he could have had here? Would they have been more helpful, why or why not? What is your learning in this?
5. Read Judges 2:6-15. This passage comes some time shortly after Joshua 24, so what was the result of the “*To Be Continued...*” for the Israelites? What does this reveal to you about humanity, in general, including our own human tendency & track record?
6. Read Joshua 24:23. Our foreign gods today tend to be the things that we give our time, attention, and resources towards. These foreign gods of today are the things in which we place our hope, but it is ill-aimed because it is temporary; not eternal. What may these things be for you? How can you “throw” these foreign gods away in order to answer the call to be faithful to God?



Concluding Question

This Sunday concluded our sermon series, “*To Be Continued...*” where we journeyed with God, Joshua, and the Israelites into the Promised Land. What week/teaching of this series was the most impactful for you and why? How will you continue to apply it to your life?



Prayer

Baptisms are coming up across Campuses soon! How exciting! However, this can be a challenging time for those taking this step of obedience to the Lord. Can we all please pray as a church for protection over those planning to, and considering to, be baptized? Pray that any spiritual warfare they may face will cease; be overshadowed by the power and presence of the Lord!