



Sermon Discussion Questions

Sunday, March 13, 2011

Live By Faith: Firm of Fragile Faith

Hebrews 4:14

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We hear the words, "I just had faith" in many places in our culture. Where are places you hear people say, "I just had faith"? When does this bug you?

When people make that statement, in what do they say they have faith?

Have there been times and places that you have "lost faith in God"? Tell the group about that time.

What circumstances have you gone through that you didn't see God as being "good" during it, but now see His goodness today?

Mike described "circumstantial faith" as times that things don't go our way or don't make sense to us and so we are in and out of faith in God. He described it as, "when our faith rest on our ability to interpret the events of life accurately." How would you describe your faith? Would it be circumstantial?

Right now, would you say that your faith in God is firm or fragile? Why?

Read Job 1:6-12

What does Satan say that Job's faith and fear of God is based upon? What does he think will happen to Job once all God's blessing are taken from him?

Read Job 1:13-22

What do we learn that Job's faith is based on from these verses?

Read Hebrews 4:12-13

When you think about "nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight", what stirs in your heart? Fear? Comfort? Why?

Read Hebrews 4:14-16

What stirs in your heart from hearing these verses in light of "nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight?"

How does this encourage you to hold "firmly to the faith we profess"?

What does it mean for us to go to the throne of grace with confidence? You might be able to better describe this in what it means to avoid the throne of grace, or go hesitantly.

What does verse 16 tell us keeps us standing firm in our faith?

Where would you confess to the group that you have not stood firm in your faith?

Read Hebrews 12:2-3

As a group, pray over every person in the group; go together to the throne of grace on behalf of one another.

What is one thing in the next 2 weeks you can do to stand more firm in your faith? Maybe it's to read the verses you read today each morning to remind you; maybe it's choosing to not define God's goodness by your circumstances but to remind yourself daily that God is good, period! Maybe it's a commitment to call on other other in the group if you need to just be reminded that God is good.