

Sunday, March 24, 2019 - "A Church Without Curtains REMIX - Week 5" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Luke 8:40-56, Psalm 37

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Luke 8:40-56
- Jesus was moved by 2 people (2 desperate people of faith who knew where to turn)
 - Jairus: desperate father, powerless and afraid
 - Woman who had been bleeding for 12 years
 - Outcast in her community
 - Her body was her enemy
 - She would have lived hidden and shamed/Her condition would have taken physical/emotional toll
- For the woman moving towards Jesus was scandalous and illegal (there was a supernatural intersection of faith and healing: power went out of Jesus, the woman felt the healing → intimacy)
- Jesus gave the woman the opportunity to come out of hiding (called her **daughter** and made her **clean**)
- What does this have to do with curtains?
 - Shame puts up curtains between us and God
 - We get into this cause and effect mind set (sin → affliction)
 - We can cut off our hearts from God because of our affliction and bitterness
- Psalm 37
 - David learned the art of waiting
 - **5 Precepts** (for waiting/wilderness) = rules to regulate behavior or thought (different than a law)
 - 1) Do Not Fret (Burn/smolder/kindle)
 - Pay attention to what's going on inside. Your thought life matters
 - 2) Trust in the Lord
 - Make a conscious choice to put faith/hope in God
 - We are really good at self medicating or trying to figure it out on our own
 - 3) Take Delight in the Lord (study the character of God. Learn who He is.)
 - 4) Commit Your Ways to the Lord (I will follow the Lord with all my heart. Heart-felt conviction)
 - 5) Be Still Before the Lord and Wait Patiently for Him
 - "Hush your inner life"
 - Just be quiet...not always reading, writing, speaking
 - You can't do any of it if you don't sit quietly and wait for Him
- "A Silent tongue not only shows a wise head but a holy heart" - Charles Spurgeon
- God is in the waiting/wilderness: Forming our character and growing us into who He intends for us to be
- Don't be afraid

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. How can you relate to Jairus or the woman in Luke 8?
2. What stands out to you about each of their interactions with Jesus?
3. Talk about a time where affliction caused you to cut off your heart from God? What did you learn?
4. Which of the 5 precepts from Psalm 37 is the most difficult for you? Why do you think that is?
5. How have you seen God shape your character and grow you through a time of waiting/wilderness?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Isaiah 55 Tues: Psalm 63 Wed: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Thurs: Luke 13:1-9 Fri: Isaiah 7:10-14

Songs from the weekend:[Your Great Name - *Todd Dulaney*] - [Glory to Glory - *Bethel Music*] - [Raise a Hallelujah - *Bethel Music*] - [You Know My Name - *Tasha Cobbs*]