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SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Week of 9.22.24

Hebrews 2:2 - 2:9 // Rick Duncan

Please take the opportunity to revisit the CVC Equip Portrait of a Healthy LifeGroup on a regular basis

CONNECT (10 MIN)

1. Have you ever experienced drifting in some part of your life—physically, emotionally, or spiritually—without realizing it? Share an example. How did you get back on course?

2. What was one thing from the sermon on Sunday that really stood out to you, and why?

EXPLORE (30 MIN)

Create Context (5 min): Sermon Recap Video HERE.

Study & Discussion (25 min)

Read Hebrews 2:2-2:9 out loud together as a group.

3. In his sermon, Pastor Rick said, "You might have to live in this life with heartache, disappointment, and unfulfilled dreams." Ultimately, though, everything is going to be okay for Christians because Jesus is King and in control. At the Women's Retreat this past weekend, speaker Val O'Brien shared the following video of Pastor Tim Keller being interviewed just a little bit before he passed away last year. You can watch this short 2 minute clip at this link. Based on Pastor Rick's statement, and Tim Keller's video...
   - When in your life have you had to let your faith in Jesus drive your belief that "everything is going to be okay?"
   - How can you wait for what is promised in Christ, and still accept that everything may not be/feel okay in this broken world?

4. Read Hebrews 2:5-9 again (refer also to Hebrews 10:12-13):
   - What does it mean for Jesus to be "crowned with glory and honor" after being made "lower than the angels"? How does this reflect His humility and eventual exaltation?
   - What does it mean for us to believe that Jesus is "already, but not yet" in control of everything? How does this affect how we handle uncertainty or hardship in our lives?

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5. In the sermon, Rick Duncan quoted D.A. Carson, who stated, “People do not drift toward holiness. Apart from grace-driven effort, people do not gravitate towardgodliness, prayer, obedience to Scripture, faith, and delight in the Lord. We drift toward compromise andcall it tolerance; we drift toward disobedience and call it freedom; we drift toward superstition and call it faith. We cherish the indiscipline of lost self-control and call it relaxation; we slouch toward prayerlessness and delude ourselves into thinking we have escaped legalism; we slide toward godlessness and convince ourselves we have been liberated.”
   - When in your life have you been tempted to drift away from the Lord, and how have you been tempted to justify that drift by calling it tolerance, freedom, relaxation, or something else?
   - Where do you think our culture today in particular is tempted to celebrate or laud certain types of spiritual drift? Why do you think this is the case?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Knowing the Bible: Hebrews - https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/knowing-bible-hebrews/
- TGC Course:Introduction to Hebrews - https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/hebrews-introduction/

PRAY AND APPLY

- (For this prayer prompt, you can either stay in one big group or split into pairs/smaller groups.) Think of the thing that feels the most out of control in your life or in the world. Say it aloud in a succinct sentence to your group. Then, let someone else in the group respond by saying, "Jesus is King and in control. Everything is going to be okay." Give everyone a chance to name something and receive that response. Then, pray together, asking God to help you trust Him when things feel out of control. Ask God to help you relinquish control to Him and to remember that He has a good future one day for all who trust and follow Him.
- Pray for awareness of any spiritual drift in your life and the wisdom to make necessary changes to stay anchored in your faith.
- Ask God to help you pay much closer attention to the message of Jesus and to remain vigilant against the distractions that pull you away from Him.
- Thank God for the great salvation given through Jesus and the testimonies that affirm His control, asking for the strength to stay close to Him in all seasons.

MEMORY VERSE

Hebrews 1:3
The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

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EQUIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of 9.22.24

Please take a moment to share these announcements with your group.

More information on each item can be found by scanning the QR codes.

COMMUNITY LIFE

2024 Men's Retreat: October 4-5, 2024

You are invited to join the Men's Ministry of CVC for a retreat at Camp Carl in Ravenna, OH, on October 4th & 5th, 2024. This retreat promises a refreshing blend of teaching, fellowship, and outdoor activities. The theme of this year's retreat is the pursuit of God. Activities will include study sessions based on the book "The Pursuit of God", dedicated time for prayer, discussion, and encouragement, ample free time for fellowship and various sports and activities The cost to attend is $100 and includes meals and lodging. You can register by click the link HERE.

CVCYOUTH

Collide Fall Fest: October 12, 2024

We're thrilled to announce our upcoming Collide Fall Fest! Get ready for a day of fun, fellowship, and worship that you won't want to miss. Mark your calendars and save the date for your middle school student. More Information and details are to come.