

Sermon Discussion Questions

Asleep at the Wheel

Joshua 5:1-12

February 24, 2019

1. Jeremy shared two situations when he got off track—literally: When driving a car being quite tired and riding down an alpine slide. Was there ever a time when you literally got off track?
2. A way the Israelites got off track was they didn't pass on their faith to the next generation (Joshua 5:2-5). What stands in the way of us passing our faith on to others (and in particular the next generation)? How can we personally remove those barriers?
3. All of this circumcision before celebrating the Passover (Joshua 5:2-7, 10) was deliberate to do things God's way (Exodus 12:43-44, 48). Take some time to discuss what does it mean to do things God's way and how can we avoid becoming legalistic about it.
 - a. What do passages like Romans 6:11-14; or Galatians 3:10-14; 21-28 tell us about how we are to do things God's way. Discuss how we would see this playing out in our lives.
4. One reason we get off track is we stop listening (Joshua 5:6). How can we listen to the Lord and be sure we are hearing Him and not just our own thoughts or a misguided (even false) teacher(s)?
5. A point in the sermon was that we all tend to drift away from the Lord rather than drift toward Him (cf. Hebrews 2:1). What do the two middle soils in the parable of the four soils tell us about what influences us to drift away from the Lord (Mark 4:13-20; the other two places where this description of the parable is found is Matthew 13:18-23; Luke 8:11-15)?
6. Jeremy said we have to get back on track with the Lord to honor Him before a watching world. Read about the propaganda Egypt was spreading throughout the known world at that time about God and the Israelites (Exodus 32:12; Numbers 14:13-16; Deuteronomy 9:28).
 - a. What negative propaganda does the world spread about Christians and our Lord Jesus today? Have you ever experienced people telling you negative things about your Christianity or the Lord? Share your story.
 - b. According to 1 Peter 3:8-16 what will happen when we honor the Lord before the watching world (cf. 2 Timothy 3:10-15)?
7. How have you seen the Lord provide when you have known you are on track with Him?