

Sermon Discussion Questions

Stuck in Transformation

Romans 7:13-8:1

March 12, 2017

1. Jeremy shared how he has been stuck with the same hairstyle for decades. Have you ever been stuck in anything (clothing style, car type, hairstyle, habits, food choice, etc.)? Where have you been stuck in sin(s) (any action or attitude that was proven to be unlike the character of God)?
 - From Paul's life he was stuck in at least 7 ways (because of his upbringing, education, pride, passion, position, comfort, and coveting). Review those same areas and discuss how we can get stuck in wrong actions and attitudes because of them.
2. What is "sin" according to 1 John 3:4? How does that fit into the definition that was given in your outline?
 - Jeremy posed these related questions in his sermon, "Is sin sin in the eyes of God before it is proven to be sin? Were our sins sins before we knew they were sins & were we guilty of them then?"
3. When Paul writes "that the Law is spiritual" — what does he mean in light of how he spoke of the spiritual in these passages: 1 Corinthians 2:12-13; 10:1-4; Colossians 1:9.
4. Agree or Disagree with this statement, "The primary goal of our salvation in Christ is that we display the righteousness of God by faith."
 - So, why do we still struggle with the old nature—our sin nature—if God wants to receive glory through us?
5. Remember the first step in getting unstuck? Is this hard for you or easy?
 - Have you ever been blind to your sin, and then it is revealed to you in some way? Share your story, and how God brought you on a path to get unstuck.
6. Romans 7:24 is a cry out to God. Have you ever been there? Why or why not? How often should we feel this way? How can this verse and the feelings it generates jive with Romans 8:1?
7. Romans 7:25 gives the answer to Romans 7:24. How have you experienced God's rescue of your life from the power sin has over you?
 - Then, at the end of the Romans 7:25, Paul goes back to reflect on the battle within. What motivates you to stay in the battle (process, game) even when there is a war raging inside of you?