

Sermon Discussion Questions

Integrity

Psalm 119:9-16

September 23, 2018

1. When you hear of Christian leaders failing in their walk with Christ do you react in a way that the Lord would want you to? Why or why not?
2. Remember the “fettered” hooves of the donkeys so they didn’t wander off? Can you recall times when you wandered—where you were prone to leave the God you love? Why do you think you did it? And, if you have come back to Him, what brought you back?
 - a. Do you know anyone who has wandered away from the Lord? Given what brought us back—how can we help him or her come back to the Lord?
3. The common theme throughout the sermon was the importance of God’s Word making a difference in our lives. Slowly go through 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and break down where the Bible originates, and what it is useful for. Now go through Hebrews 4:12-13 and talk about what else the Bible is useful for. Now, rate your life (1-10 with 10 being completely): How much does God’s Word influence your life in alignment with these two passages? Explain.
4. Jeremy shared how there was a turning point in his mom’s life when she stopped living in self-pity and decided to see that life is not against her and that God does bless. To have integrity in our speech we have to praise the Lord. Read Psalm 63:3-6 and Hebrews 13:15 and ask each other if this describes what comes out of our mouths “continuously” (is that even possible?).
 - a. How can we help others change who seem to see life as a glass ½ empty? Is happiness a choice? Why or why not?
5. Toward the end of the sermon, Jeremy mentioned that in order to grow in integrity we need to rely on two other things: The Holy Spirit and each other. Which one of these are harder to rely on for you and why?
 - a. What does Ephesians 5:18-21 (esp. the end of v.18—be filled with the Holy Spirit) mean? How do we do that?
 - b. What do all these passages have in common? Romans 12:10, 16; 13:8; 14:13, 19; 15:5, 7, 14, 16:16; Galatians 5:13; 6:2; Ephesians 4:1-3, 25, 32; Philippians 2:3; Colossians 3:9, 12-14; 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13; 4:9, 18; 5:11, 13b-15; 2 Thessalonians 1:3; Hebrews 3:13; 10:24-25; James 4:11; 5:9, 16; 1 Peter 1:22-23; 4:8-10; 5:5, 14; 1 John 1:6-7; 3:11, 23; 4:7, 11-12.
 - i. Give our integrity a grade at Faith Church on living these passages out (A-F) and explain why you give that grade? How might we up our grade?