

Joshua

Part 11 – A Place to Belong

Joshua 13-21

Real Place (13.1-7, 15.1, 16.1, 18.11, 19.1, 19.10, 19.17, 19.24, 19.32, 19.40)

- May not be an easy place (Jer 29)
- Don't get robbed
 - Longing for what was or wishing for something else robs us of where God has us, what He's showing us, how He's using us, and what He's given us right now
 - At times, these are the things that paralyze us and keep us from ministry right where we are

Real people (13.1-7)

- Go there with a people
- Go there for a people
 - People there need Him (even the hard-to-love ones – David Hoffman Benadryl Dog)
 - Acts 17.26-27 – designed that they may seek God
 - God has you there and them there for the same purpose – that they seek God
 - They seek a lot of other gods and need help finding the True God – you are their bridge

Zero Tolerance (13.13, 15.63, 16.10, 17.12-13)

- Tolerated sin will keep us from abundant life
 - The call is to fight it – don't tolerate it
- Who am I without it?
- But I like it
- Not hurting anyone
- Everyone is doing it
- Places of darkness
 - Anger / Contempt / Bitterness / Unforgiveness / Revenge – seeking justice
 - Greed / Gluttony – seeking comfort
 - Self-righteousness / Judgment – seeking security

Finish Well (14.6-12, 15.13-19)

- Think about what remains instead of what was (no glory days)
- Take up your sword with your goal in mind
 - Remember you don't have to do it alone

- In doing so, you'll set an example for generations to follow

Questions for Discussion

1. What are earliest memories about your house / apartment you grew up in? What about the first house / apartment you lived in away from your family? Where is the place you have lived that is your favorite?
2. Read Jeremiah 29.1-13. Trent made a point about the context of v.11 on Sunday. What do you see in the text that helps you understand the significance of the promises in v.11-13? How does that apply to a "hard place" you're living in now?
3. Who are the people in your geography (literal geography and social geography) that God is sending you to? Name them by name. What is your next step in helping them know of His love for them?
4. What sins / places of darkness are you most prone to tolerate? Why? What do you need to do to address them? What is one step you must take this week?
5. Who can you think of in your life that has finished well? What were his / her characteristics? In what ways does he /she inspire you?