



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of June 27 & 28, 2020

Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text

2 Samuel 20:1-26

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Summary

Rebellion comes in various forms but has its roots in a heart that rejects God's rule over our lives. Images of Absalom, Sheba, and Joab's rebellion against King David help us to better understand our own rebellion against our King Jesus. In every instance of rebellion, we must be quick to "cut off its head", repent, and turn back to God, who is merciful and faithful to forgive.

Discussion Questions

1. Sheba's rebellion was one of separation and withdrawal. Unlike Absalom, he did not wage outright war against the king. However, David recognized that Sheba's rebellion would do more harm than Absalom's. Why do you think rebellion like Sheba's is more insidious and harmful than high handed outright defiance?
2. Joab was outwardly loyal to King David, but he too was a rebel against his king. How can even those who proclaim themselves to be Christian, still be a rebel at heart? What does this rebellion look like? Look inside your own heart...could this be you?

3. Is there anything in your life right now that you simply refuse to let God reign over? Is your allegiance to your King more important to you than your selfish sinful desires? If not, why not? Who sits on the throne of your life? You, or Jesus Christ? How important is it to you that you let go of your sin and submit your King?

4. “Sin will always try to advertise its pleasure while hiding its hideous cost...but make no mistake your individual sin will have a wrecking ball effect upon the people closest to you” Proverbs 6:27 says “Can a man carry fire next to his chest and his clothes not be burned?” The answer is No! Knowing the destructive nature of sin, what **should** your response be to sin? Does this differ from your **actual** response to sin? JC Ryle said, “Small steps lead to great sins.” Where are your small steps taking you?

5. Proverbs 16:16a says, “How much better to get wisdom than gold!” The wise woman of Beth-maacah was able to save the entire city by removing one sinful rebellious man (Sheba) from the city. What sinful rebellious thing within your heart must be cut off and thrown out in order to save your entire life? Wisdom will tell you that if you harbor rebellion with your heart it could cost you everything. Wisdom will also tell you that the mercy of God is such that He will withdraw His judgment if we are willing to repent. How will you heed the wisdom’s call on your life today?