

Sermon Discussion Questions: 2 Kings 5:1-14

April 27, 2019

1. What in the sermon encouraged you, comforted you, challenged you, or informed you?
2. Why is it so difficult for us to believe we are saved by God's grace rather than anything we can say, do, or prove?
3. Read 2 Kings 5:1, 5-6, 10-12. What do we learn about the status and accomplishments of Naaman? What seems to motivate his anger regarding the plan for his healing? How does our sense of self-importance and self-righteousness motivate us toward anger when we don't get what we think we deserve?
4. Pastor David shared many things people place their worth in (their wealth, status, rituals, place, or family). Over time we can believe that God loves us and accepts us on the basis of these markers rather than on the basis of His grace. Which one of these have you struggled to rely on as your assurance for God's acceptance?
5. Read 2 Kings 5:12-14. This story contrasts the humble help of the little girl and the prideful resistance of Naaman. It is appropriate that when Naaman finally humbles himself to receive God's gracious healing according to God's determined plan, his skin was restored like the flesh of a little child. It is as if he became like the humble little child. Read Matthew 18:1-4 and Ephesians 2:8-10. How does the Gospel of God's free grace humble us and keep us from boasting in pride? How can you grow in humility?