Sermon Questions Hebrews 4:1-13

Millennials sometimes use the word *FOMO* to describe the *Fear of Missing Out*. This week we discussed the healthy fear of missing out on the truth of the Gospel. One of the greatest questions we can ask and answer is, "Am I really saved?" This is a question that even churchgoers must ask. You see, we only have the time while we are still alive to make a decision for Jesus Christ to be the Lord of our lives. The author of Hebrews goes to great lengths to help his readers and listeners understand the importance of settling the issue of salvation. This resolve can bring rest now and rest in the future with Christ. The challenge is that many people today either falsely believe they are Christians or simply do not see the gravity of not believing in the Lord Jesus Christ. In this chapter of Hebrews, we see the imperative to turn from sin and turn to Christ. As you listen to the message ask the Lord to speak to your heart and also ask for the faith to respond appropriately to the truth of God's Word.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

The FOMO in the Gospel Hebrews 4:1-13

You should fear missing out because...

Some people lack saving faith (1-3)

Some people strive in vain (4-6)

Some people live with a <u>hardness</u> of <u>heart</u> (7-8)

Some people <u>pursue</u> the Lord Jesus Christ <u>zealously</u> (9-11)

All people will be <u>completely exposed</u> by the Word of God (12-13)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it HERE. After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email info@bravechurch.online and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. What is the Gospel? What verses would you use to lead someone to Christ? What do the following verses describe about the Gospel? John 3:16; Romans 2:4, 3:23, 6:23; 2

- Corinthians 5:21, 7:10; John 14:6, Mark 4:13-20; John 15:1-8; Matthew 7:15-22; 1 John 3:8-10?
- 2. Are we saved by good works? Are we saved for good works? What is the difference? Why is obedience important once we are saved? How do works play a role in the sanctification process of a believer?
- 3. Read 1 Timothy 2:4 and 2 Peter 3:9. What is God's desire for humanity regarding salvation? Does God want to save everyone? Read Ezekiel 18:23. Does God delight when wicked people die apart from Him?
- 4. How important is it to believe that Jesus Christ is Lord? Can simply believing the fact that Christ died on a cross and rose from the dead sufficient for salvation? Why must there be a desire to turn from sin and turn to Christ? Why is the false Gospel of teaching that Jesus Christ can be Savior without being Lord so damning?
- 5. Can a person expect to change once they are saved? If a person does not experience a change of heart is that person really saved? If Jesus said you can tell a tree by its fruit, then why do we confuse the issue of who is truly a believer?
- 6. What does it mean to strive for your salvation? Why do some people strive to prove they are worthy of salvation rather than simply repent? What was the difference in outcome between the rich young ruler and Zacchaeus? Why?
- 7. In what sense can we experience rest when we repent and trust Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior? Why can we rest?
- 8. How does hardness of heart set into the lives of people? Why does passivity in responding to God keep us from enjoying Him? How can hardness lead to our complete inability to hear God?
- 9. When should I respond to God? Why is *today* such an important day in the life of a believer?
- 10. How are Christians who live the Gospel a living testimony? Read 2 Corinthians 2:15-17. How are we the aroma of life and death to people? Why is it important for us to be diligent and urgent in our witness for the Gospel?
- 11. Why are these truths so important? How should we respond?
- 12. How is the Word of God like a dagger? How is it living? Powerful? Sharp? How does it penetrate our lives? Why should we listen? Why should we respond?
- 13. What does it mean that you will be completely exposed? What does it mean that you will be open or naked? Laid bare? How scary is it to think that you will be completely and utterly exposed? Why should you come running to the cross?

- 14. When did Jesus Christ become the Lord of your life?
- 15. What was your greatest takeaway this week? What must you apply right now?