

Sermon Discussion

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Luke 22:24–30

Icebreaker: What was your favorite childhood game or toy?

Luke: See Jesus

Growing Down Into Greatness

1. Jesus descended into greatness, and so should you! (Luke 22:25–26)
 - a. Godly leaders lead differently than worldly leaders.
 - i. Pastors are to shepherd the flock, not drive the herd.
 - ii. Husbands should sacrificially love, not selfishly subjugate.
 - iii. Fathers should bring up their children, not put them down.
 - iv. Christians should be winsome, not worldly. (2 Timothy 2:24–26)
2. Jesus persevered through trials, and so can you! (Luke 22:28–30, Heb 10:35–36)

Sermon Discussion:

1. How should a godly leader look different than a worldly one?
 - a. Who have you seen represent the qualities of a godly leader in your own life?
 - i. In what ways did they do so?
 - ii. Have you ever gone out of your way to thank them for doing so or to encourage them in their faithfulness?
2. What positions of leadership has the Lord placed you in?
 - a. In what ways do you find resisting the Lord's definition of leadership and being more like the world?
 - b. What would it look like for you to live out the type of greatness that Christ speaks about in the midst of these positions?
3. Why is it helpful to differentiate between subjugation and submission?
4. What are the consequences of engaging with the world or fellow believers in a way that is opposite of 2 Timothy 2:24–26? Aka being quarrelsome, impatient, and hard.
 - a. When are you tempted to think, "ya but this is different"
 - b. Why do we often find the world's method of confrontation so much more appealing?
 - c. Why is Christ's way better?
 - d. What should you focus on in order to better shape your heart towards this type of attitude and character? Are there scriptures or promises that come to mind?
5. How is meekness different from weakness?
 - a. How can you have great confidence in Christ and His word and yet still display meekness?
 - b. In what ways do you need to grow in meekness?
 - c. Where is this most difficult for you to put into practice?
6. How have you seen God preserve you through trials? In what ways has He sustained you?

Missionary Prayer Spotlight – Nick and Traci Derington (Thailand)

- Pray as they make preparations to return to the US for 8 weeks this summer
- Pray for their neighbor Amber who at times has claimed Christ but living in sin
- Pray the Nick would be able to recruit a new Thai employee at GIS to fill a recent hole
- Pray for Traci's friend Pii May to come to faith in Christ