

Defining Moments: Noah & Enoch



MAIN POINT:

Faith seeks to please God not others.

KEY VERSE:

“By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.” For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.” Hebrews 11:5-7

BRING IT UP:

On Sunday, Pastor Steve continued in our Defining Moments series by talking about the pleasing faith that was a part of both Enoch and Noah’s lives. In Hebrews 11:6, it says that, “without faith, it is impossible to please God.” We learned that both Enoch and Noah’s lives were defined by their faith and how we must strive to do the same. Steve taught through three characteristics of those who express God-pleasing faith with those being: Believe in God even when you feel alone, walk with God even in mundane times and obey God even in unprecedented circumstances. At the end of the day, we were asked to walk with Jesus and have a faith that pleases Him!

- ◆ What was your biggest takeaway from the message Sunday?

TALK IT OVER:

- ◆ Out of the people that you know of, or even know personally, who would comprise your Hall of Faith? Why?
- ◆ Can you describe a time in your life where you were focused on pleasing people instead of God?

[Read Hebrews 11:5-7]

- ◆ What impact did faith have in the life of Enoch and others around him?
- ◆ What circumstances made Noah’s faith stand out?

THINK IT THROUGH:

Believe in God...even when you feel alone

- ◆ Would you say that you are more concerned with the minority opinion or the majority report?
- ◆ Can you describe a time where you made a decision based on your faith even when it wasn’t the most popular thing to do?

Walk with God...even in mundane times

- ◆ How would you say COVID and quarantine has impacted your spiritual life?
- ◆ What are some ways that you can, instead of settling for survival, position yourself to thrive in this time?

Obey God...even in unprecedented circumstances

- ◆ In what way can you be obedient to God in the midst of the current unprecedented circumstance?

WORK IT OUT:

As you conclude your group time, take the time to pray for everyone that we would strive to honor God through our lives instead of solely focusing on the thoughts and opinions of others. Enoch and Noah are great examples of people who lived by faith and pleased God as a result!

- ◆ What steps are you going to take starting this week in order to live by faith and not the opinion of others?