

Group Questions for week of January 8, 2023

Sermon Title: Permission to Proceed

Passage: 1 Samuel 14:6-12

Faith is not just about believing the right information about God's plan or power.

Faith is all about the steps we take because of what we believe. (14:8)

How do we become people of faithful action?

- 1. We become familiar with God's heart and reputation. (14:6)**
- 2. We find friends to help our faith become fruitful. (14:7)**
- 3. We attune our heart to the ways that God leads. (8-12)**
- 4. We remember that for most things, we don't need a sign. (2 Pet 1:3)**

Jesus' co-mission gives us permission

to follow a heart that is in step with the Spirit. (Matthew 28:18-20; Gal 5)

Group Discussion Questions

Ice Breaker

1. What were the best and worst things that you did over the holidays?
2. If we take the saying, "There May be Dragons," to mean those things in life that are **unknown, uncertain**, and carry with it some type of **risk**. What kind of "dragons" are in your life right now?

D = Discover the Way of Jesus

3. Read 1 Samuel 14:6-12. What stands out to you about this story?
4. Pastor Josh challenged us to live a life of faithful action. Is there a way to be a person of faith without acting on what you believe?

N = Nurture the Heart of Jesus

5. What is a step of faith that you can take to become more familiar with God's heart and reputation?
6. Have you ever been ballroom dancing? How does the illustration about following a dance partner help you understand the way that God leads us?
7. How can we grow to be a better dance partner with God?

A = Act for the sake of the World

8. We talked about the fact that in much of life, we don't need to wait for a sign before acting. The examples we gave are clear commands like loving people, forgiving people, serving others, and living in community. What are some others? Which of those are the most convicting?
9. Is there a name of someone that comes to mind for any of these commands? Is there someone that God is calling you to reach out to in some way?

If Time Allows... Read Galatians 5:16-26. What does it mean to walk in step with the Spirit?