

Week of 9.19.21

- Read the passage from Sunday together (Luke 16:1-13)
- Offer a time to discuss the sermon together.
 - Initial and final thoughts?
- What does scripture promise us if we are in Christ?
- “Followers of Jesus struggle to be consistent”. Talk about that. In what ways do we struggle to consistently love the Lord and follow scripture?
- Knowing what is coming for you, what is promised to you in the future, how then should you live? How can you grow in consistency?
- Chapters 4 and 5
 - Read Hebrews 4:14-16
 - How has your own suffering and temptation been similar to Christ’s? How (and why) is it important that He remained sinless?
 - Discuss the astonishing reality of Jesus’ being sinless while simultaneously being fully and truly human (“not a sinless Superman”). How is it encouraging and hope-giving to know that Jesus is able to sympathize with us in our weaknesses?
 - Page 53 talks about how Jesus deals gently with sinners. Do we? How can Jesus’ gentleness towards us

in our shortcomings transform our attitude towards others?

- Read Hebrews 5:2. Discuss the author's take on "ignorant and wayward." Do you ever feel like your specific sin must be an exception to the gentleness of Jesus?
- Read the second paragraph on page 54 "Consider what all this means..." Discuss this passage together; the idea that Jesus knows how to receive us in our sin and confession. How does His reception differ from how others have received your sin? Have you been received by a brother/sister in a way that mirrored Jesus?
- We often tend to fixate on our sin; we feel that we *should* lean into the shame of it, as if this is what Christ most deeply desires from us. What does Jesus want from us when we fail?
- Spend time in prayer that you will remember Jesus' call to look to Him. That you will find rest in the truth that He knows your pain and suffering truly, and that He has promised you gentleness.