

Dig Deeper @Home – “His Story in History”

Complement to sermon on May 7, 2017 – “Clinging to God’s Word”

MEMORIZE – 1st Kings 11:38

And if you will listen to all that I command you, and will walk in my ways, and do what is right in my eyes by keeping my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did, I will be with you and will build you a sure house, as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you.”

READ 1st Kings 13

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?

2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?

3. Discuss emotions and thoughts around the man of God being mauled by a lion. Does it seem fair? Why or why not?
 - a. Read Romans 6:23. How do we see this verse being played out in 1st Kings 13?

 - b. What is the hope that Romans 6:23 gives us?

4. Read Galatians 1:1-9.
 - a. How does this scripture relate to 1st Kings 13?

 - b. What is Paul warning the Galatians about?

 - c. What does this warning mean to us?

Bottom Line – Summarize 1st Kings 13 in your own words



Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The ones below are a suggestion for how to experience the truths of 1st Kings 13.

Two Truths and One Lie

Have each person write down two truths about their life and one lie. (These can be things they've done, things they like or dislike etc.) The rest of the group or family will guess which statement is the lie.

Discuss how we discern truth from lies in our world. The prophet in the 1 Kings 13 story believed a lie (1 Kings 13:18) and suffered the consequences. What lesson do we learn from this about the importance of obeying God's word?

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

Trust in You - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXMPNXXnCl8>

Let this song be our prayer, trusting in God and clinging to His word at all times.

Come thou Fount of Every Blessing - Mennonite Hymn #310

Prone to wander Lord I feel it. Prone to leave the God I love. A great prayer recognizing our need for God to keep us close to Him because we all like sheep want to stray. We stay close to God by clinging to His Word.

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

As you go, may the Holy Spirit guide you in your discernment, empower you to respond like Christ and strengthen you to walk in God's wisdom all the days of your life.