

Being Stuck is a Choice

Week of September 20, 2015

These discussion questions can be used the week following the message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your Connect Group discussions.

Message Recap:

We become stuck when we decide to live from what we see instead of from what God says.

Read Numbers 13 and 14

The world can be a terrifying place if we take our eyes off of God. Yet, we often live from what we see instead of what God has said. This makes us feel “stuck.” We often stay in a state of being stuck because of fear; a fear that comes from taking our eyes off of God and instead looking at our circumstances. Fortunately, God did not create us to live in a prison of fear. Allow the promise of God to fill your heart and mind until all you can clearly see is God and his will and purpose for your life. When we allow the promises of God to fill our minds and our hearts, we will live less from that we see and more from what God has said. Keep your eyes on his promises!

Challenge: Open your Bible daily and find a promise from God. Compare that promise with your circumstances, and then choose to live by what God has said in his word.

Pray

Lord, you know the plans you have for me. They are good and they offer me hope. Help me learn to rely on your words every minute, instead of relying on what I see in the circumstances that surround me.

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Getting Started

- Have you ever received a letter or note of encouragement from someone? How did it make you feel?
- Have you ever thrown God's promise into the trash? Have you had a dream that felt too big...even for God? Did you leave it behind? Did you press forward in faith?

Listening Deeply

1. Have you ever felt “stuck”? Are you feeling stuck right now? Please share your story.
2. Pastor Drew mentioned that sometimes, we have a habit of returning to a “stuck” mindset in spite of God's promise. What are some steps that we can take to break the cycle?
3. Read Numbers 13:27-28. The word “but” negates any statement that comes before it. How often are we using the word “but” to express doubt about what God has said? Share some examples of “but” statements that could make a person stuck.
4. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. Why is it so challenging to live from what God *said* as opposed to what we see?
5. What are some of the fears that creep into our lives when we stop focusing on God?
6. When we do focus on God instead of our circumstances, he usually shows up in big ways. Talk about a time when God made a way from no way in your life.
7. Read Jeremiah 29:11. God wants the best for you! Share about a circumstance you are facing, and specifically how you will rely on what God has said to you about it through his Word so you can find hope and a future.

Living Wide in Jesus

Read Numbers 23:19. Think about how God has revealed himself in your life... Even when you've doubted, or tossed His promise into the trash. God is so much bigger than our burdens. So much bigger than our circumstances. So much wider than our fear. We are called to live with confidence in the promise of God. Be bold, and choose to be unstuck!