

Potential Discussion Questions

Message: Know God - The Names, pt 2 (11-4-18)

1. Have you ever been rescued or part of a rescue operation? If so, what was it like? Talk about the emotions you experienced and the lasting effect upon you.
2. We live in a world that often advocates for the notion that man is essentially good. If so, he/she certainly does not need rescue. How would you argue from Scripture that every one of us really needs to be rescued?
3. I'm not sure the average person who attends church these days has a clear sense of their desperate need for redemption (rescue). Why might that be? What is the effect upon them? the church community?
4. Review the passages referenced in the message. What stands out to you about redemption, both Old and New Testaments? How does Scripture connect redemption from Old to New?
5. Do you resonate with the metaphor that, in effect, Satan seeks to traffic all humans into His destructive life? Why or why not?
6. In Galatians Paul strongly argues about our freedom in Christ. How does he relate that to our redemption in Christ? What other connections does he make with our freedom?
7. There is a rich vocabulary in the Bible for expressing redemption, its process and effect. Redeem, purchase, rescue, set free, propitiate (propitiation), expiate (expiation), some uses of "save," etc. How would you explain and relate these terms. Where do you find them in the passages presented in the message? Can you find other passages that relate? With the help of a Bible Dictionary or other study tool, see if you can arrive at a definition or explanation of the various terms and how they fit together.
8. Perhaps more than anything, God as Redeemer is about relationship. How does that encourage you? How would you explain it to an unbeliever investigating a relationship with Jesus?
9. What would you like to discuss from this message that hasn't been dealt with?
10. What is your best take-away from this study? How can the significance of God as Redeemer walk with you in the coming week? (In what way(s) can it or will it make a difference for you?)