

End Time Essentials: Longing For Home November 8, 2020 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



Questions:

1. Think of a time in your life when you experienced homesickness. Where were you and how did you cope with it?
2. What do you look forward to when imagining being in heaven someday?
3. Review the points in the outline above. What stood out to you in the sermon? Do you have any questions about it?
4. Read Numbers 26:9-11 (the full story of Korah's rebellion is found in Numbers 16)
 - a) According to the text, who did Dathan, Abiram, and Korah rebel against?
 - b) What was the extreme consequence of their rebellion?
 - c) What do you think and feel when you read stories in the Bible that describe God's severe judgment?
 - d) What do you think God feels when He pours out this kind of judgment? (see Ezekiel 18:31-32, Ezekiel 33:11, Lamentations 3:31-33, and Micah 7:18)
 - e) According to this passage, for what greater purpose did God judge Korah and his followers? (v. 10)
 - f) Did all of Korah's family members die? What do you think must have happened?
5. Read Psalm 84:1-12
 - a) Who wrote this Psalm? What does this tell you about God's mercy and grace? What does it tell you about family legacies?
 - b) The psalmist seems to be experiencing some spiritual homesickness. What was his greatest desire?
 - c) What pictures are used in the psalm to describe this desire? What picture captures your attention the most?
 - d) Why do you think the "sons of Korah" (referring to a group of Korah's descendants) would love God so much?
 - e) In thinking of your own past, in what ways are you like a "son of Korah"? What has God redeemed you and/or your family from?
 - f) How does your desire for God compare to the desire seen in this psalm?
 - g) How can we grow in our love for God and our longing to be with Him?
 - h) What are some practical steps you can take this week to rekindle and/or strengthen your love for God?
6. Pray together that Lord would make you feel homesick whenever you are not walking closely with Him. Pray for more love and longing in your life for your true home. And pray for any specific needs in your group.