

Sermon

1 Samuel 30

When you face difficult times...

1. Don't _____ to the _____. (vs. 5, 6a)
2. Encourage _____ in the Lord. (vs. 6b)
3. _____ out what _____ wants you to do. (vs. 7, 8)
4. _____ out in _____ to do it. (vs. 9-31)

Homework

Getting Started:

1. Do you prefer movies with happy or sad endings?
2. What do you do when you find yourself in a funk? How do you try to get out of it?

Going Deeper:

This week Pastor Scott discussed the battle between Hope v. Despair. He talked about David, in a time of despair, going to God and being encouraged by Him. God offers us hope throughout scripture, in the Old and New Testaments that speak to our lives today.

1. What does hope mean to you? When do you feel hope? When do you feel a lack of hope?
2. Read Jeremiah 29:10-14. This is a very well liked, often quoted verse. Why does this verse bring so much hope to people? What does it speak to you?
3. Read Jeremiah 29:11 again. What area of your life do you have the most difficulty believing that this promise is true? Why? If this verse is 100% true for every area of your life, how does that change your thinking and actions in this area?
4. Hebrews 11:1-3 makes a connection between faith and hope. What is that link? If I have faith that God made the visible world from the invisible, how does that affect my faith and hope for my life?
5. Read Psalms 71:14-18. How do you live out this kind of hope?

Acting Out:

1. Write down an area of your life that feels somewhat desperate and/or frustrating. On one side of the situation write down Jeremiah 29:11, on the other side write down Psalms 71:14.
This becomes your prayer for the week. Pray it daily.

Further Reading:

Jeremiah 29 Psalms 71 John 16 Hebrews 11