

Navigating the In-Between, Final Week

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:4

Also: Deuteronomy 6:18; Exodus 6:6-8

Discussion Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. How would you rate yourself on how well you normally adjust to being in the in-between? (Use whatever scale is helpful, 1-10; OR poorly, ok, good, great; OR red, yellow, green; etc.). You can use indicators like: do you find yourself being more or less loving/thoughtful/caring towards others, do you find yourself being more or less angry/irritable, do you find yourself worshiping more or less, etc.
 - o Why did you give yourself the rating you did?
 - o How much do you find yourself irritable at or distant from God during the in-between seasons?
3. Where have you seen God use an in-between time for your good? For His people's good? Include biblical examples, other examples from history, and current day examples.
4. Read Exodus 6:6-8. This is another place where God restates the promises to the Hebrew people about bringing them out of slavery and to the promised land. But He also makes promises about Himself and His relationship to them.
 - o Make a list of the promises in each category.
 - o Make a list of the things that are just declarations of God (for instance, v. 6a, "I am the Lord")
 - o What is the point of God's promised action? (in the middle of verse 7)
5. What kind of "promised land" things do you tend to focus on? For instance, heaven, promotions, vacations, healing, retirement, senior pastor, financial security, marriage, church growth, family safety, a relationship, etc? These are good things, but they don't make good ultimate things. Is there anything that you've given ultimate status ("I must have _____ to be happy.")?
6. How can you further cultivate your relationship with God **while** you're in the land in-between?
7. How might God use your in-between time to minister to or serve others?

Spend some time praising God that He will use all things to shape us into His image, and ask Him to not have any other gods before Him.