



The Promise: It Begins

Sunday, January 29, 2017

Lesson:

Today, we kick off our sermon series leading up to Commitment Sunday of our campaign, The Promise. Scriptures used are Joshua 1:10-18; Numbers 32:1-24; and Acts 2:36-41.

ICEBREAKER:

What are some scriptures that are often taken out of context, or misused?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Read Joshua 1:9. How does this make you feel? How could it motivate and encourage? Could it create fear or nervousness?
2. Joshua 1:10-15, he calls together all the people to get ready to fight, but there is a special call to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh. What does he say to them?
3. Why is this unique call for just them? Read Numbers 32 (will have been discussed in sermon, but may want to read ahead)
 - a. What request did they make of Moses in 1-5?
 - b. How did Moses respond?(6-15) Was he pleased? What did he call them?
 - c. How did they respond to Moses? (16-19)
 - d. Did Moses accept this? What were his terms? (20-24)
4. What are some promises that God has made to people throughout Scripture? Give some examples.
5. How does God treat promises? Does He break his promises?
6. Why is it such a big deal for Moses that they keep their promise (Numbers 32:23-24)?
 - a. How would they be sinning against God?
7. Go around the room - and find out when everyone first started attending the Northwest Tampa Church of Christ.
8. Why is it important for us to have a vision for the future?
9. The Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh promised to fight for a group of people to live in a land they would never themselves live in. What is the correlation between this story and us today for future generations of the church?
10. Please spend time praying over the campaign, the Promise, and the plans the leadership have made.