

Sermon Discussion Guide:

Weird Bible Stories

Sunday, August 13, 2023

Scripture: **Acts 20:1-16**

Series: **The Spirit & The Church**

OVERVIEW

The Bible is a truly unique book full of life-giving truth. Sometimes the Word is crystal clear and straightforward and other times it's phrasing can be a bit odd. No matter the presentation we know that "all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16). Through the Word we are shown our true condition, and God's plan of redemption is revealed. The Gospel of Jesus Christ transforms sinners into believers, and **a transformed believer preaches a transforming Gospel.**

CORROBORATING TEXTS

2 Corinthians 12:9; Hebrews 12:2; Ephesians 2:1-10; Revelation 20:15; John 4:35

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. As Pastor Jimmy demonstrated, the Bible contains some unique passages that run the gamut from strange and amusing to confusing and counterintuitive. What parts of God's Word do you find in some way "weird?"
2. Oftentimes, enthusiasm for the things of God and His Word can wane leading to complacency and discouragement in one's Christian faith. Upon self-reflection, where do you see weaknesses in your faith? What can you do to press on through the hardship? Explain why simply showing up can sometimes be the most important first step.
3. Read 2 Corinthians 12:9. This truth is clearly displayed in the story of Eutychus' weakness (i.e., falling asleep and then out of a window) and God's power (i.e., subsequently being raised from the dead). Describe a time in your life when God's power was manifested in your weakness. Despite this weakness, in what ways is God's grace sufficient?
4. Sometimes our faith can be attacked from the outside. What lies from the enemy currently assail you? What can you do to combat the slings and arrows of the evil one? How does the truth of Hebrews 12:2 help?
5. As a follower of Jesus Christ, our lives have been forever transformed through the awesome power of the Gospel. Take a moment to reflect on the impact of the Gospel on your life. How has the Gospel moved you and changed you? In what ways might you need to be further moved and changed? Who in your life needs to experience the life-changing power of the Gospel? What role can you play in bringing the Gospel to a lost and dying world?