

Group Questions – Joshua 20 – Our City of Refuge

Share a time in life when you felt very secure and safe.

What was it that made you feel secure and safe?

Read – ALL of Joshua chapter 20

Then... **Read** – Deuteronomy 19:1-13

Cities of refuge were GOD'S IDEA to protect people who accidentally killed another person.

What does the creation of cities of refuge reveal about God's heart for us?

Read – Hebrews 6:18

Where (who) is our "city of refuge"?

In Israel, you were safe in a refuge city, only if you ACCIDENTALLY killed someone.

Read – Romans 10:13

According to this verse, who is allowed to run to the Lord for safety?

How is this different than the city of refuge in Israel's day?

Read – John 8:2-11

Was the woman's sin accidental or pre-meditated?

Jesus said anyone without sin should cast the first stone. Jesus was the only one there without sin.

What can we learn from the fact that Jesus did not stone this woman?

It has been said, "We want judgment for others, but mercy for ourselves."

What does that statement mean?

What makes us quick to judge other people?

Pastor Nate mentioned that we live in a “CANCEL CULTURE”

What causes us to want to “cancel” or “cut off” other people?

Read – Proverbs 19:11

What does this say we should do regarding those who wrong us?

Read – Numbers 35:26-28

If the manslayer left the city, the avenger of blood was allowed to kill him.

How can this relate to us and our relationship with our “city of refuge” – Jesus?

The manslayer was completely free, once the High Priest died.

Read – Hebrews 4:14-16

What has Jesus’ death (our Great High Priest) done for us?

Pastor Nate shared how the church can also be a “city of refuge” for us.

How has the church been a place of refuge for you?

Have you ever wandered away from Jesus and His body, the church?

What made you come back?

Pastor Nate shared how many people get close to the “city of refuge” – Jesus, but never go “all the way in” to the city/Jesus and remain there.

Why do some people get close, but refuse to go all the way in?

How can we know if we have gone “ALL IN” to Jesus?