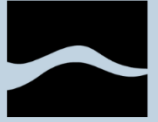


SERMON NOTES

TELL ME ABOUT HIS MOST SERIOUS WARNINGS

Mark 9:42-50



BIG IDEA: Nothing is more dangerous than sin, and nothing is more important than confronting it faithfully.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

Can you think of a time when someone gave you a strong or uncomfortable warning that later proved to be loving and necessary? What made it hard—or easy—to listen at the time?

In verse 42, who are the “little ones who believe in me,” and why does Jesus take the sin of causing them to stumble so seriously?

What does this reveal about how Jesus views his followers—especially the vulnerable or immature in faith?

Why does Jesus use such extreme language (cutting off a hand, foot, or eye) in verses 43–48?

What do the images of “unquenchable fire,” “undying worm,” and being “salted with fire” communicate about judgment and discipleship?

APPLY

Are there ways your words, actions, freedoms, or attitudes could be creating spiritual stumbling blocks for others—especially younger or weaker believers? What might loving faithfulness look like in those relationships?

Jesus calls us to deal ruthlessly with sin in our own hearts. What is one habit, influence, or pattern that you are tempted to excuse rather than confront? What would “cutting it off” look like in practical terms?

In what ways can trials, discipline, or hardship be part of God’s refining work rather than signs of his absence? How does this perspective help you remain “salty” and distinct in the world?

COMMIT

Prayerfully identify one specific area of sin or compromise that you have been minimizing, and take one decisive step to remove it—whether by changing an environment, seeking accountability, or cutting off a source of temptation—trusting that Jesus’ warnings are an expression of his love.