

Sermon Notes

Journey of Stones 3 – Sticks and Stones

James 3:1-12

John 8:1-12

1. Welcome to Lent – the 40 Days of Preparation for Easter!
2. Week #1 – Covenant – Exodus 32:7-20
 - a. I will be your God if you will be my people.
 - b. Our side of the covenant – the 10 Commandments.
3. Week #2 – Rejection – Mark 12:1-11
 - a. Rejection leads to bitterness or shapes us into something better.
 - b. Israel was rejected and then rejected Jesus.
4. Week #3 – Sticks and Stones
 - a. 1862 – the *Christian Recorder* – from the AME Church.
 - b. James 3:8-10 – The tongue is evil...
 - c. John 8:1-12
 - i. Stoning is a religious act.
 - ii. Jesus ignores them.
 - iii. They left without caring for the woman.
 - iv. John 8:10-11 – Jesus cares for the woman.
 1. Sees her as a child of God.
 2. Jesus initiates the forgiveness.
 - v. Why did they want to stone her to death?
 1. Truly root out evil? No.
 2. Justice? No.
 3. Something else. P_____
 - d. How have we used words to hurt/judge others?
 - e. How have words been used to hurt/judge us?