



(Ephesians 6:10-14a), Hebrews 3:7-4:13, 2 Timothy 4:1-8, 18

“Christmas: Let it be Worship not a Lullaby”

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Consult the Scriptures:

Ephesians 6:1-14a

Hebrews 3:7-4:13

2 Timothy 4:1-8, v. 18

(See also: Num. 13-14, 1 Cor. 10:1-12)

Discuss:

1. Talk about a time when you were so tired you could hardly keep awake.
2. What was Pastor Patrick’s point concerning the lullaby, “Rock-a-bye Baby?” Why did he bring this up? How does it relate to Eph. 6:11 and the “schemes of the devil?”
3. Read the following passage of Scripture and discuss: Heb. 2:1; Rom. 12:9; 1 Cor. 9:24-27, 15:1-2; 1 Thess. 5:19-24; 2 Cor. 13:5; 1 Tim. 4:16; 1 Pet. 1:13-16, 5:8; 2 Pet. 1:3-10; 1 Jn. 2:15-17, 28-29; 2 Jn. 1:8-11; Mk. 13:32-37. What do these passages have in common?

4. What are some of the ways our enemy might lull us off to sleep, especially this time of year during the holidays? How might we be intentional as a church to make this season serve as worship rather than a lullaby?
5. Read Hebrews 3:7-4:13 and discuss (see also Num. 13-14, 1 Cor. 10:1-12). What is the author's point concerning the promise(s) of God? What emotions does this text stir up in you? Why? Can you identify the hope in this passage? What does it tell us about God?
6. Read Heb. 4:1 again. How might this passage relate to Paul's exhortation to the Ephesians to "stand firm" (6:13)?
7. Read both Eph. 6:10-14a and 2 Timothy 4:1-8 together and discuss. What does it look like to "stand firm" (v. 13)? How does this encourage and/or convict you?
8. What challenged you with this week's sermon? What questions do you still have? What's your next move?