

Find Us Faithful

October 4, 2026 | Jeremiah 7:1-15 | Steve Wells

Sermon Outline

1. God's faithfulness in the past
2. God's faithfulness in the future
3. Living Sent

Main Idea

A faithful history cannot replace present obedience. God calls us to be faithful for the future by seeking His Kingdom, investing in the next generation, and living sent wherever He has placed us.

Leader's Note

Choose the questions below that best fit your group and the time available. You do not need to discuss every question. However, we strongly recommend covering at least one question from each section: Upwards, Inwards, and Outwards.

Optional Icebreaker

What is one story, tradition, or lesson from the past that you hope future generations will remember?

Discussion Questions

UPWARDS - Growing in Relationship with God

1. Read Jeremiah 7:1–15. What does God's message through Jeremiah show us about what matters to God more than religious history, buildings, or traditions?
2. As Benton looks back on 175 years, how can remembering God's faithfulness in the past help us grow in gratitude and dependence on Him today?
3. The sermon reminds us that "saying yes to Jesus means saying yes to His mission." What might it look like for you to follow Jesus more faithfully in this season of your life?

INWARDS - Growing in Fellowship with One Another

4. Read Judges 2:7–15. A new generation did not know the Lord or what He had done for Israel. How can our church help the next generation know God personally and remember what He has done?
5. How can we honour the people, traditions, and ministries God has used in Benton's past while still being willing to follow Him in new ways?
6. The sermon encourages us to mentor younger leaders and "give away ministry." How can our small group give newer or younger believers meaningful opportunities to serve, grow, and lead?

OUTWARDS - Reaching Those Around Us

7. The sermon calls us to "Live Sent" at home, at work, across the street, and around the world. What does "living sent" as a follower of Jesus look like in the ordinary places where God has placed us?
8. The "Get out of the Zoo" illustration challenges us not to keep our faith inside the church. What can help us depend on the Holy Spirit and live courageously for Jesus outside the church?
9. Think of one person or place God has placed in your everyday life. What is one specific step you can take this week to live sent there—serve someone, offer prayer, begin a conversation, share your faith, or invite someone into Christian community?



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